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Candidates Lock Horns In Bid For Mayor Slot

By Mark Vandervelden

The election of Sacramento's next mayor is still five months off but the political battle lines are already being drawn between the top contenders for the post. Current City Councilmembers Ann Rudin and Joe Serna have been joined by businessman Ross Relles to round out the field of candidates. Early indications are that all the candidates will be making vigorous bids for gay support in their efforts to wrest control of the weak but influential position. Mom...Guess What! Newspaper recently interviewed the candidates to ascertain their respective positions on issues vital to the gay community in Sacramento.

ANN RUDIN

Veteran Councilmember Ann Rudin says "I will go after the gay vote, very definitely," in her bid for Mayor. Rudin cites her experience in city government over the past decade, and her deep concern for the community, as her strongest credentials for the post. Rudin is concerned that the city's present fiscal crisis poses a threat to the "very good" policies that have been adopted by the city over the past ten years.

The overriding issue facing the new Mayor, whomever that may be, is the city's dire fiscal situation. Increasing fees or taxes to bridge the budget gap would be a "last resort" strategy says Rudin. Cuts in services, with an eye towards who is being hurt, and who can or cannot afford the cuts, should come first she says. Rudin believes most people would support fee or tax increases, if they were necessary to prevent vital services from being eliminated. "We're getting a bargain," she says for the amount of services citizens receive for the amount of property taxes paid. People would be willing to pay more, she says, if they directly benefit from the service.

Rudin is encouraged by the pattern of economic development taking place in the so-called Lavender Heights section of downtown. Although "gentrification" (the return to the inner city of monied renovators) does pose displacement problems,



Anne Rudin, candidate for Mayor

on balance Rudin is supportive of the efforts made so far to upgrade the deteriorating housing stock downtown. "We can't stop improving the downtown area. I think we have a good looking downtown now, and it's bringing people back to live here." The key to keeping gentrification from becoming a serious problem is maintaining a commitment to mixed income housing and assistance to those who may be forced to relocate.

Rudin says gay voters can have a significant influence on the outcome of the mayor's race by getting involved in the campaign. "Get in contact with the candidate, show your willingness to help. Volunteer, help raise funds, get others involved, walk precincts,

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Duke Nixes Gay Pride Proclamation

By Mark Vandervelden

Gov. George Duekmejian, bucking a three year tradition, has decided against issuing a proclamation designating a week in the month of June as "Lesbian/Gay Freedom Week". The gubernatorial declaration has been an annual, and routine, procedure since 1980 when then Gov. Jerry Brown issued the first such proclamation.

Duekmejian spokesperson Kevin Brett indicated that the gay community was not being singled out. "The Governor's office has a policy to not issue proclamations that would advocate one form of lifestyle, one form of sexual preference, one religion over another. This is a policy we will follow," Brett said.

The proclamation was requested by the San Francisco-based Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Committee, organizers of that city's annual gay pride celebration. In a San Francisco Examiner report, Committee members expressed disappointment at the Governor's decision calling it "a slap in the face of the many lesbian and gay men around the state."

"While it (a proclamation) is only a symbolic statement of the government's awareness of gay and lesbian contributions to the state and our struggle for equal rights, to discontinue this tradition is to turn away from the (pursuit) of a just society and truly representative government," the members said in a statement.

Parade Committee organizers indicated that a blank page in this year's parade program will be included "to note that the governor's proclamation wasn't there."

The Governor's decision continues to leave unclear the Administration's perspective on gay and lesbian rights issues. While the Governor has not rescinded former Gov. Brown's Executive Order protecting gay state employees, he has not expressed an opinion on AB 1. To this point the Governor has not appointed any openly gay individuals, nor has he met with any gay organizations. According to Konstantine Berlandt, 1983 parade co-chair, "It's not irreparable but it point in a direction that's dubious. It (the proclamation) is something that you would think would win friends rather than lose them." ■



Allen Chamberlin, fighting for benefits. Photo by Dave Waling

Flight Attendant Files For Benefits For Partner

Allen Chamberlin, a flight attendant with Frontier Airlines, Inc. filed a lawsuit in Sacramento Superior Court, against Frontier Airlines, Inc. last April 19th. Mr. Chamberlin seeks reduced air travel benefits for his life partner of nine years, Joe Shields. The lawsuit alleges that Frontier Airlines, Inc. has refused to provide Mr. Chamberlin with the same employment benefits it provides to its heterosexual employees. The reduced air travel benefits are an integral part of the compensation package along with wages, health benefits and pension benefits received by airline employees.

Currently, Frontier Airlines allows its heterosexual employees' spouses to fly free or at greatly reduced rates. It also provides reduced air travel rates to household dependents of its employees. However, Frontier Airlines refuses to provide these same benefits to employees who are in relationships with members of the same sex.

The law firm of Metrailler, Langenkamp & Buscho is representing Mr. Chamberlin in his lawsuit. Attorney Carolyn Langenkamp explained the suit as follows: "In his lawsuit, Mr. Chamberlin alleges that Frontier

Airlines discriminates against its gay employees because it conditions reduced air travel benefits on a status (marriage) which they are unable to attain."

"The lawsuit also charges Frontier Airlines with violating the California Constitutionally protected right of privacy. Frontier Airlines conditions the right to reduced air travel benefits on how an individual makes private decisions about living arrangements, sexuality, and personal commitments."

"Other airlines provide similar benefits in a more equitable manner. Some airlines allow each employee to list one person who receives a 'companion pass,' thus giving each employee an opportunity to use the benefits without having to reveal the nature of the relationship involved."

Mr. Chamberlin made the following statement: "I am in a stable committed relationship of nine years duration. I have been trying for four years to get my partner the same benefits heterosexual airline employees enjoy. We've tried every possible avenue to find a mature compromise with the airline. But they've forced us to give up our remaining privacy by going to court." ■

Women's Commission Still Alive Under Weight Of Injunction

By Jill Kelly

Lee Novick does not strike you as a woman who enjoys fighting a battle with her hands tied behind her back.

And yet some might describe her position as Executive Director of the California Commission on the Status of Women as an exercise in no-handed boxing.

In July of 1982, Sacramento Superior Court Judge Lloyd A. Phillips Jr. ruled that the Commission must cease its lobbying activities and provide information to its public on all sides of an issue. The suit, filed by Ruth Miller and supported by the Women's Committee for Responsible Government (both of whom have strong ties with Phyllis Schlafley) has resulted in crippling the Commission's ability to educate and influence legislators on important feminist legislation.

So why did Lee Novick—a self-described "aging feminist" whose credentials include co-founding the National Women's Political Caucus, organizing the 1977 Women's Conference in Houston, and serving as aide to Bella Abzug—agree to take over staff leadership of the hamstrung Commission in August of 1982?

Novick's answer is rooted in a deep understanding of feminist history.

"Traditionally, feminist groups have had a short lifespan," she explains. "When women begin to make headway, the male dominated system becomes threatened and backlash occurs. It happened after we won the vote; then again in the '30's and then after World War II. The 1980's will be critical years for us if we are going to break the pattern of burn-out."

Established 18 years ago under the Pat Brown administration, the Commission operates under a broad mandate to "improve the quality of life for women of

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The Making Of An Activist: Sexual Harrassment Victim Wins Unique Settlement

By Jill Kelly

Five years ago, if you had asked Dr. Mary Lebrato what would be the most important career event of her lifetime, chances are she wouldn't have replied: "Being sexually harrassed by my boss."

But the male supervisor who in 1978 harrassed not only Lebrato, but 17 other women in the State Dept. of Developmental Disabilities, launched a chain of events which turned Lebrato from a "naive, apolitical psychologist" into the savvy, persistent Director of the Sexual Harrassment Project currently housed at the Commission on the Status of Women.

And as with most kinds of personal growth experiences, the road from frightened victim to outspoken advocate wasn't easy.

"When the incident occurred, I wasn't immediately upset," recalls Lebrato. "I had a very strong case, including lots of witnesses. I assumed I would make my complaint and justice would be

done. But even with all my documentation and witnesses, nothing happened."

Lebrato's troubles with her department and the state bureaucracy didn't begin and end with one incident of sexual harrassment. Because she complained, she was shortly afterward denied a promotion she had previously been assured of.

"After the incident I changed departments. It was impossible to work there under the circumstances. While at my new job I discovered that my previous supervisors had violated not only the complaint procedures but also hiring procedures when they passed me over. That's when I decided to appeal to the State Personnel Board."

Lebrato's complaint of sexual harrassment and retaliatory action was the first kind in California state government. As a reluctant pioneer, Lebrato had to cope not only with the frustration of dealing with a slow-moving

bureaucracy, but also her own emotional reactions to being labelled "a troublemaker."

"I lost about a year and a half there," she laughs, a little grimly. "My whole life changed drastically. I was depressed and had to keep fighting the feeling that I was in the wrong."

Like many victims, Lebrato felt isolated. The turning point came when she decided to do some public speaking on her experiences.

"I remember speaking to one women's group in Santa Clara. As I was describing what happened to me, I looked out at the audience and saw nearly every head nodding. It was at that moment I realized how common sexual harrassment is — and that I wasn't alone in the struggle."

Lebrato continued her battle with new energy. In September, 1980, the State Personnel Board found in her favor. "That was a real shot in the arm," she

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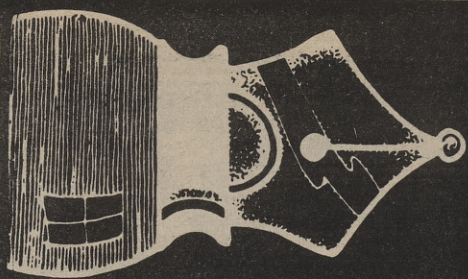
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Assemblyperson Art Agnos Needs Support

Dear Editor:

The campaign for AB 1 is under way.

On Wednesday, March 23, the Assembly Ways and Means Committee approved AB 1 by a vote of 12 to 8. The full Assembly will vote for the first time on this issue in mid-June.

AB 1 will not succeed without your help. Only a massive campaign, one that involves the entire gay and lesbian community and all of its friends will secure the passage of AB 1.

I am sponsoring a one-day seminar for supporters of AB 1 on Saturday, May 21, 1983, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Room 4202 of the State Capitol in Sacramento. I hope that you will be able to attend this important program of workshops designed to build a coordinated and effective statewide campaign for AB 1.

I also hope that you will take the time today and write again to your representatives in the Legislature. As seating is limited, I must request that you register in advance by mail. There is no charge for the seminar.

We are very close to a major victory for human rights. Every supporter of human rights in California has an important role to play in achieving that victory.

I look forward to meeting you on May 21.

Sincerely,
Art Agnos
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Screen Blood, Not Donors!!!

Dear Editor:

I just finished reading Frank Lawler Jr.'s editorial defense of the Sacramento Blood Bank's decision to ban blood donations from gay men (April issue). Quite frankly, I am appalled by his comments. For Mr. Lawler to label opposition to the Blood Bank's decision as an "unthinking overreaction" is offensive and shortsighted. I have given the decision quite a bit of thought, and although the Blood Bank's decision might not be intentionally discriminatory, it is, nevertheless, a

severely misguided decision. First: It assumes that all men who participate, to whatever extent, in homosexual activity will voluntarily identify themselves as gay or "bisexual" when they go to donate blood...Second, it assumes that all gay men are at risk of transmitting AIDS; in other words, that there is no such thing as gay men who have been in long term monogamous relationships, or gay men who are long term celibate or asexual. In my mind it is clear: the policy to screen gay donors instead of screening blood for indications of possible contamination is not only discriminatory, but dangerous as well. Those gay people who insist on being "Uncle Toms" in order to make our community appear as "responsible" are only digging their own graves, compromising the rights of all gay people; kiss-ass attempts to gain the respect of the straight medical community, or the straight community at large will serve only to set the gay civil rights cause in backward motion.

Screen Blood, Not Donors!!!

Ron Gray, Sacramento

Wheelchair Jock to go to France with a Little Help from Her Friends

Dear Editor:

It is hard sometimes for someone to give an unbiased account of her lover's accomplishments. However, in the name of honest Journalism, I will make a valiant effort.

Cathleen Cain, a member of the gay community, plays for Davis-Sacramento Goldrush, a women's wheelchair basketball team. Cathy is 22 years old and a senior at U.C. Davis. Next year she will enter the Masters of Social Work program at Sacramento State University. Cathy was disabled in a car accident 4 years ago and has since found much fulfillment participating in disabled sports.

This past month Cathy went to Champagne, Illinois to participate in the National Women's Wheelchair Basketball Playoffs. There, women's teams from all over the U.S. compete against each other for the title. From these teams an all-star team is selected to represent the United States at the International Women's Wheelchair Basketball Games. It is with a little burst of pride that I

inform you that Cathy was selected to be on this all-star team.

The International games are to be held in Angers, France, May 12-18, 1983. They will compete against women's teams from Sweden, Germany, Canada, Israel and France.

Now, the hard part. Cathy must raise \$1500 in just 3 weeks in order to go to France and making sports history at these games. So...as her lover/agent I am asking 150 of you GAGS, (Good American Gays), to sponsor Cathy at \$10.00 each. So please dig deep friends. Donations are tax deductible. Checks should be made payable and sent to: Davis-Sacramento Goldrush, 517 A Street, Davis, Calif. 95616. For further information call Diana at 756-7976.

Thanks for your support,
Diana Coats

In Response

Dear Editor:

After reading Don Souza's letter to the editor, I said to myself "It is about time that we agree on the concerns for our community's sports program." There is a lot of good athletic talent in the Sacramento gay community, and it is in my opinion that it is about time that our community is making a major effort to develop its own sports program.

The formation of the Central Valley Sports Association has opened the door for Sacramento gay athletes and gay athletes in Modesto and Fresno. The enthusiasm is overwhelming in each community. Perhaps next year the other Sacramento team (Club 21 soon to be the K Street Bar), Stockton and other Central Valley communities will be interested in joining the CVSA. This will be their opportunity to be actively involved in participating and investing in their own gay community sports program.

In short, the support and active interest that Don Souza has expressed is welcome, as well as, the active interest of others in our community that will help make the CVSA a model gay sports program for other communities to follow.

Paul Coke
Wreck Room Stars Team Manager

Power Plant Receives Thanks for AIDS Donation

Dear Mr. Hebron:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the AIDS/KS Foundation, Sacramento Chapter, I wish to express our appreciation and thanks for your donation of \$318.00. The time and effort you spent on your recent benefit to raise these funds is commendable. Efforts of this nature will help us in our counseling programs for individuals with AIDS and our educational programs for the gay community.

Again, thank you for your generosity and time.

Respectfully,
Norm Frohwein
Office Manager
AIDS/KS Foundation

Northcoast Inn is Out

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your interest in HEARTWOOD (A Bed & Breakfast Resort on the Mendocino Coast). Unfortunately, we have closed the business and will not be re-opening. Neighbors and lease problems led us to this decision. I must tell you, however, that in our three months of operation HEARTWOOD was a tremendous success — we were booked far in advance. Hopefully some other women will heed the demand and start another Bed & Breakfast for women.

Thank you,
Deborah Klein

Reader Disputes Letter's Contentions

Dear Editor:

About the letter from Cecil L. Young, Elk Grove, saying people are prejudiced: he put a letter or ad in your paper a long time ago. His published phone number was a phony number. Perhaps the difficulty is not with everyone, but with Cecil L. Young. — Very possible.

A Reader from Elk Grove

Thanks for the Information

Dear Editor:

Thanks for being so helpful when I spoke to you on the phone a few weeks ago and also for sending me a copy of the paper. I will be trying to make my move to Sacramento in mid-July. I will be sure and stop by Mom...Guess What! Thanks again.

Danny Slocum-Kisinski
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From the Inside Out

Imposters and Pretenders

By Mark Vandervelden

The case of Dr. Charles Mansfield, the self-styled lobbyist whose activities have enraged gay activists, ought to be instructive to all of us who are concerned about the problems of gay leadership.

Nature abhors a vacuum. The same holds true in politics. With the departure of the California Human Rights Advocates from the Capitol scene a few years ago, a void appeared which seemed ripe for a political imposter, like Dr. Mansfield to fill.

Make no mistake about it, the rise of political imposters is inevitable in a community such as ours where political pretenders pose as leaders. Who are these political pretenders? They are the individuals who insist on their right to "lead" from the comfortable confines of their closets. Political pretenders like to position themselves center court, freely taking credit and issuing criticism, but without any corresponding requirement that they be held publicly responsible for their actions. How different are these so-called "leaders" from the Dr. Mansfield's of the world? The view from here is that there is no real difference.

Fortunately, Sacramento is blessed with a good many people who are providing the community

with leadership on a daily basis. This issue's story about the efforts of Frontier Airlines flight attendant Allen Chamberlain's efforts to secure spousal benefits for his lover Joe Shields is one excellent example. The good works of Drs. Harvey Thompson and Sandy Pomerantz, who are sponsoring a second AIDS Forum May 7th in the Capitol, is another positive image of community commitment and leadership. The team of patient support volunteers who are a part of the newly opened AIDS office are no less leaders by their direct, if understated approach to helping our community. Likewise, the individuals who have put in long hours to develop a community based sports program, a community center, or the

promotion of gay businesses all deserve our gratitude for casting away their closets, and putting something on the line for the benefit of all of us.

The point is this, imposters and pretenders will always be a part of our community "leadership" as long as those who hold a genuine and legitimate standing as leaders allow it. We can ill afford the consequences, both in the Capitol and within our community based organizations, of reckless and unaccountable individuals misrepresenting our interests or dividing our ranks. ■

The Humanist / Feminist Viewpoint

A Duet for Two Assassins

By Jill Kelly

(Note: According to Steve Dobbins, author of "The Dan White Incident" review in this issue — Dan White, killer of San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and gay Supervisor Harvey Milk, and Sirhan Sirhan, killer of Robert Kennedy, have become friends while serving their sentences at Soledad Prison. The following is an imaginary dialog that might have taken place between them.)

Setting: Soledad Prison Gym. DAN WHITE and SIRHAN SIRHAN are working out with weights. Their conversation is sprinkled with grunts, oofs and sweat.

SIRHAN: Hey Danny, why are you looking so down at the moustache today?

WHITE: I don't know, I guess it's some kind of anniversary reaction or something.

SIRHAN: Did your wife forget to send you a card?

WHITE: Not that kind of anniversary, Sirhan. The anniversary of my trial. Four years ago this month.

SIRHAN: Ah yes. But why are you looking so sad? Surely you can't be complaining about the outcome. You only got voluntary manslaughter, Danny. You assassinated two elected officials and you're still going to walk out of here after only 4½ years. Me, I only eliminated one man, and look what happened...

WHITE: (drops barbell, glares at SIRHAN) Don't get started on that again. You know how I feel about it. You killed Robert Kennedy, a good Irish Catholic father of ten. Who did I kill? Just some stinking fag and his Wop protector who were trying to screw up my whole career. I had personal motives, Sirhan, I had good reasons.

SIRHAN: That's the trouble with you Americans. You get so caught up in personal feelings. I was acting on behalf of millions of Arabs all over the world who would have suffered greatly if Jew-lover Kennedy had been elected. As a man, Kennedy meant nothing to me.

WHITE: (Resumes pumping iron) Well, buddy, the proof of the Twinkle is in the eating. Look who's walking next year. Not you. SIRHAN: Perfect behavior within the confines of these walls means nothing when you're dealing with a fallen hero. I suppose my chances for freedom would have been much greater had Kennedy been a faggot. Or even black.

WHITE: Naw, look at what's-his-face, James Earl Ray, the guy that got Martin Luther King. If they let him out before he's stiff, the niggers would burn the whole country down. But you've got to

hand it to the dude, escaping from Brushy Mountain prison. They said no one could survive in those Tennessee hills. But I'll tell you one thing: there was a hell of a lot of folks who'd have considered it an honor to help the guy stay scarce. If it hadn't been for the bloodhounds, he'd be sitting pretty someplace in your part of the world by now.

But killing fags — that's different. A lot of people look upon it as a public service.

SIRHAN: (panting) I suppose we should be grateful we haven't gone the way of Oswald.

WHITE: Don't count your chickens, Sirhan. It ain't over yet.

(They pump in silence awhile.) SIRHAN: Danny, aren't you afraid that someone might try to avenge Milk and Moscone when you move to Ireland?

WHITE: Like who?

SIRHAN: Some Irish faggot, I

suppose.

WHITE: (Drops barbell and shouts) There ain't no such thing, you dumb Arab! All the fags in Ireland get out as fast as they can! They go to that fag-paradise across the Channel. Ireland is the last pure, fag-free country in the world!

SIRHAN: Take it from one who has travelled extensively, Danny. They're everywhere. Even in Ireland.

WHITE: (Quietly) Maybe. But don't forget, Ireland used to be full of snakes, too. St. Patrick made quite a name for himself running them out.

SIRHAN: Running for sainthood, are you, Danny?

WHITE: If you guys would quit taking pot-shots at the Pope, I might have a chance. ■

VIEWPOINT.....by Equus

When We Fear Our Own Fear...

At long last it appears that Our Community United has created for itself a way in which to serve Sacramento's gay community. Their adoption of a program of community forums dealing with subjects of interest and concern to each of us can be instrumental in building both a sense of individual pride and the foundation of a true community.

The pains and pleasures of "coming out" will be the focus of the first community forum and the topic is wisely chosen for this cautious town. Those of us who have experienced the joy of living as openly gay men and women in other cities are shocked by the depth of the fears which hold many Sacramentans from their own greatness.

Many who live in this valley are of the opinion that coming out is expressed by going to a gay bar. To others the ultimate statement of gayness is cross-dressing. While these can be important statements of self-identity, the real coming out is living life in all its richness as a human being who likes pairing

with persons of his or her own sex. That includes allowing the whole world to share that richness with you — family, friends, employers, people on the street, everyone.

It includes facing the fear of holding hands in a movie theater, walking down the street or while attending the company picnic. It is facing the fear and then being willing to go beyond it to the satisfaction of doing it with dignity and pride. We are alive, we are human. Only we can deprive ourselves of those most essential human rights. No amount of ridicule or fag bashing can rob us of these joys unless we make it so.

Many of us fear that there are squads of camera-carrying observers watching our every move, ready to expose our secret to a world all too eager to punish us. Not only are those fears without foundation, the truth is that what we really fear is our own recognition of the truth about our sexuality. We may say that we fear discrimination at work, rejection by parents and friends and the sting of the fag bashers, but the truth is that we cannot face our secret ourselves. We fear our own fear. It is we who are the real homophobes.

The reality is that most of the world simply does not care who we love or share sex with. They may not wish to hear about it too much because of their own fears and prior conditioning, but for most people it is more important who you are with them and the degree with which you are sharing your affection. Yes, there are those who cannot control their fear and choose to express it in ways that hurt. But that is true for every person on earth. Everyone suffers from unjust and unkind discrimination by others. For some it is the color of their hair,

others their skin, and others the loss of one of the senses. Humans will find a way to be thoughtless and cruel no matter what and that fact does not seem to be likely to change in the near future.

To live a life designed to avoid this harsh reality by concealing that which seems to offend is both stupid and ineffective. It is stupid because it condemns you to a living death in which nothing ever is complete or fulfilling. It is ineffective because it seldom

brings the approval you seek and usually does not mask the reality of who you are anyway.

Some will argue that there is no need to "flaunt" your gayness as a way to avoid the real process of coming out. What is suggested is not the wearing of a banner proclaiming your sexuality. Rather, this commentary is intended to give you support for living your life as though you mattered, as though this is it. Put aside your fear long enough to go out and enjoy yourself in this lifetime just as you would if it

didn't matter whether you are gay or not. When you live this way with those who share your daily activities, a miracle will happen. It won't matter, and you will be able to do all that you can do now and also enjoy the warmth that others are waiting to share with you as soon as you get off your high horse and live life as a human being.

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NewsClips

by Richard La Voie

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'Colorful' Gay Guide Published

San Francisco — A new gay guide has been published which specializes in bars, organizations and publications for minority gays. "Colorful People and Places" contains over 1,000 listings and has a special section devoted to Black Gay history. Copies are available for \$10 from Quarterly Press, 279 Collingwood, S.F., 94114. — Washington Blade, Washington, D.C.

Feinstein To Chair Mayors' AIDS Group

San Francisco — Mayor Dianne Feinstein has been appointed Chair of a U.S. Conference of Mayors task force which will look into ways the federal government can help cities cope with the AIDS crisis. Feinstein, at whose request the task force was created, will serve with mayors of several other

cities whose populations are threatened by AIDS, including Los Angeles and New York. The group will help to disseminate information and educate the public as well as pressure the federal government to provide more resources to fight AIDS. — Washington Blade

Burton's Widow Pledges Gay Rights Support

San Francisco — Sala Burton, widow of Representative Phil Burton (D-S.F.) who died last month of a heart attack, has pledged to fight for gay causes in Congress if she succeeds in winning the seat left vacant by her husband's death. Burton announced her candidacy at a press conference, flanked by leading gay activists in San Francisco. She is favored to win the seat in a special election in June. Her husband, Phil, had been a major gay rights advocate in Congress, helping to secure a record number of co-sponsors for the national gay rights bill and fighting for increased funding for AIDS research. — Bay Area Reporter

Columnist Says Dan White Still 'Spoiled Rotten'

San Francisco — The first substantial portrayal of Dan White since his trial for the murders of Moscone and Milk has been published by San Francisco Chronicle columnist Warren Hinkle. The writer, using letters White sent from prison to a woman he met during the trial, describes White as a "spoiled rotten" killer who feels no remorse for what he did in 1978. The piece claims police officers visited White in jail during the trial to show him their Dan White T-shirts, which apparently lifted the killer's spirits considerably. White is scheduled for release next January. — The Sentinel

Tomcat Saved By Sex-Change Operation

Jackson, Mississippi — A tomcat suffering from a blocked bladder has been saved by a sex-change operation. Puddin, the feline transsexual, had to have his male organs removed or his bladder would have ruptured. Puddin's veterinarian made a urethral opening like that of a female cat, extending the cat's life for as much as six years. Puddin's reaction to being transformed into a she is not known. — The Weekly News, Miami

Economy Proves Most Serious To Mexican Gays

Mexico City, Mexico — The faltering Mexican economy has produced grave results for the country's lesbians and gay men, who are now the target of a "moral renovation" urged by President De La Madrid during last year's election. He was supposedly referring to the common practice of bribing government officials and civil servants for favors, but police and government agencies felt that "moral renovation" was needed in other areas. Bar raids and harassment of homosexuals has increased drastically recently. — Frontiers, Los Angeles

Reagan Relives Days of Twin Beds on TV

Washington, D.C. — A group which declares the media is too liberal about sex and violence, particularly concerning homosexuality, met with President Reagan recently and came away believing the President is ready to launch a "war on obscenity" similar to his "war on drugs". Morality in Media was given a tour of the White House by a Reagan staffer who once edited a right-wing newspaper and who was entertained by a Reagan anecdote about a film the actor-cum-politician made with Doris Day several years ago. Reagan and Day played a married couple who were shown on-screen, sleeping in separate twin beds. — The Advocate

Columnist Apologizes For Slurring Gay Youth

Toronto — A Toronto Star Columnist apologized in print for remarks he made against a gay youth organization. The writer, Frank Jones, was tipped off to what turned out to be a common practical joke in local high schools, which was to leave a message for another student to call a gay phone line. Jones said he let his own fears and prejudices color his judgment when he accused Lesbian and Gay Youth Toronto of actively recruiting at local high schools and of remaining silent on the "emptiness and sterility of gay life". — Gay Community News, Boston

Irish Youth Freed After Admitting Queer-Bashing Murder

Dublin, Ireland — Five teenagers received suspended sentences of manslaughter for beating a 31-year-old man to death in a gay cruising park. The youths admitted they had frequently "been queer-bashing during the summer." Though they didn't mean to kill their victim, they said they beat him up thinking he was gay and was out to make contact with other gay men. Justice Sean Gannon told the youths (one of whom is a soldier in the Air Corps.) they would have to serve their sentences if they made any more trouble. — The Advocate

INTERNATIONAL

Vancouver Gay Rights Bylaw In Trouble

Vancouver, British Columbia — Gay rights legislation proposed here in the heat of the municipal elections is endangered. Gay activists, who never made a push for the laws to begin with, are feeling that the city council has used the community and is now taking the easy way out. The situation started when incumbent council members, eager to counteract promises made to gays by challengers, enacted sweeping anti-discrimination bylaws which quickly turned out to be on shaky ground with the City's Charter. Rather than stand by their actions and face possible court challenges, the council decided to amend the charter to accommodate the new bylaws, a process which must be approved by the conservative provincial government, which is unlikely to do so. — The Advocate

Conservative Tries To Label Gays Public Health Hazard

Washington, D.C. — A conservative Republican Congressman who fought to keep the National Institute of Health from warning the public on the dangers of cigarette smoking has decided the government should warn against the health dangers of choosing an alternative lifestyle. Rep. Thomas J. Biley (R-VA) offered an amendment to a bill releasing money for AIDS research that would require the government to, in effect, declare homosexuality as a public health risk, his past actions against gays and his support for the Moral Majority made his motives apparent to health committee members, who passed the AIDS bill without Biley's amendment. — The Advocate

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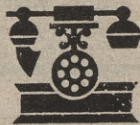
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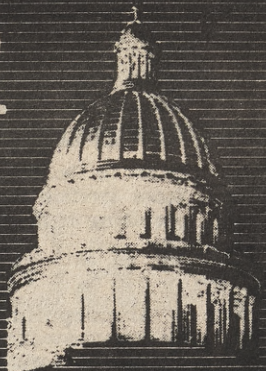


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Political Editor: Richard La Voie

Senate committee approves Roberti's measure regarding Aids Research and Education

SACRAMENTO — The Senate Health and Welfare Committee approved by a vote of 5-0 Hollywood State Senator David Roberti's Senate Bill 910, a measure which will help educate the public and create a Scientific Review Committee to help further research seeking a solution to the disease called AIDS.

The term Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) has been used to describe a constellation of severe life-threatening disorders associated with varying degrees of immuno deficiency. In persons suffering from AIDS, the disease fighting mechanisms fail to respond in a normal way to infections. The primary cause of this immuno suppression is not known.

As of April 5, 1983, the Center of Disease Control has documented in excess of 1,300 cases of the disease since they started keeping records in 1981.

"If the epidemiological charts are correct and no cure or prevention is undertaken relative to this disease, within six years 1.4 million cases of AIDS are projected," Roberti (D-Hollywood) said.

An appropriation for \$500,000 has been added to the bill. This money would be distributed by the

Department of Public Health as grants to scientists and facilities in the state that have research experience with basic and clinical investigations on AIDS. The money could also fund local educational and preventive efforts, which would return a great deal of community benefits without large expenditures of state funds.

"Funds for research into the origins of these diseases may remain beyond the capacity of the State of California, but the responsibility for public education regarding risk reduction rests squarely with the state," Roberti said.

"This state cannot afford not to begin to address the problem," Roberti added. "The concerned constituencies will help prove that by their support of SB 910."

SB 910 will be heard in the Senate Finance Committee on May 16th. It is vital that the members of that committee hear from supporters of this legislation.

Members of the Senate Finance Committee are: Alfred Alquist (Chairman), Robert Beverly (Vice Chairman), Daniel Boatwright, William Campbell, Ralph Dills, John Foran, John Garamendi, Bill Greene, Ken Maddy, Milton Marks, Nicholas Petris, Robert Presley, Alan Robbins, John Seymour and Walter Stern.

candidates in 1982, as reasons for a more responsive Congress. Endean also serves as treasurer of the Fund, which works closely with GRNL to promote gay supporters in Congress.

Earlier this year, Washington observers speculated that as many as 85 co-sponsors might sign on this session. But that figure may be difficult to reach due to the death of Rep. Phil Burton, the dynamic, powerful liberal who played a crucial role in persuading his colleagues to support the bill.

Passage of the bill will almost certainly not occur for several more years, and chief sponsors Ted Weiss (D-NY) and Henry Waxman (D-CA) have no plans to bring H.R. 427 to a vote this session. The current strategy is to continue to build co-sponsors and to use the legislation as a focal point of discussion on the issue of gay rights.

Endean asserted there are concrete, positive advantages to this plan. GRNL works closely with co-sponsors, he said, on a variety of gay issues in Congress such as AIDS funding, immigration reform, and the defeat of anti-gay amendments. Significant co-sponsorship also encourages other political and social leaders such as Democratic Presidential Candidate Walter Mondale to publicly support gay rights. ■

National Gay Rights Bill Achieves Record Co-Sponsors

By Richard La Voie

The national gay rights bill, H.R. 427, has acquired 63 co-sponsors this session, a record for the bill since its introduction several years ago. Supporters attribute the increased congressional support to the fact that every co-sponsor from the last session who ran for re-election won, many with the help of funds raised by lesbians and gay men.

Steve Endean, Executive Director of Gay Rights National Lobby, expressed little surprise at the record co-sponsorship, citing GRNL's Constituent Lobby of Candidates program last year and the fact that the Human Rights Campaign Fund raised over \$600,000 for pro-gay congressional

Major Labor Union Endorses Gay Rights

By Richard La Voie

A resolution supporting civil rights legislation for gays and lesbians was adopted by the Service Employees International Union's national Executive Board in March. The endorsement applies to legislation at the federal, state and local levels throughout the country.

SEIU, with 800,000 members nationwide, is the seventh largest union in the AFL-CIO. Its stand on

gay rights follows a similar stand taken last June by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

Passage of SEIU's resolution was a key goal of Gay Rights National Lobby's Labor Project and of SEIU leaders in several U.S. Cities. The late Congressman Phil Burton was also active in pushing the resolution. Burton called it "the latest in a series of actions in which an historic alliance is being formed between organized labor and the gay community."

Securing the endorsements of organized labor and religious, minority and business interests is part of a continuing strategy by GRNL and other gay organizations to demonstrate the gay rights is a serious "mainstream" issue. ■

Political Imposter Roaming Halls Of Capitol

By Mark Vandervelden

Unbeknownst to most gay political activists, a man claiming to represent the views and opinions of lesbian and gay Californians has been roaming the halls of the Capitol recently, with no known authorization or sanction to lobby. A Dr. Charles Mansfield, self-styled "chairman" of "California State Lesbian and Gay Rights Lobby" has been actively testifying and lobbying on gay and non-gay related legislation in an apparent attempt to portray himself as the voice of gay organizations across the state.

An investigation into Mansfield's activities by Mom...Guess What! Newspaper has unraveled a bizarre tale of misrepresentation with hints of political sabotage. Concern over Mansfield's activities started last month at the Assembly Ways and Means Committee hearing on AB 1. Mansfield, to the surprise of the audience and the bill's author Assemblyman Art Agnos (D), San Francisco, delivered a frantic, rambling statement in support of the bill. Agnos, his staff, and others active in the AB 1 lobbying drive seemed puzzled by Mansfield and his claim as spokesperson for a state-wide gay lobby. Prior to the committee hearing Mansfield was seen huddling with the Rev. W.B. Timberlake, lobbyist for the Committee on Moral Concerns and an arch foe of the Agnos bill. Speculation mounted over just who Mansfield was really representing.

Mansfield's appearance was shrugged off as a one-time occurrence until he surfaced a month later before another Assembly committee which was considering a proposal to impose a 10 cent cap on pay telephone service. Mansfield, appearing at the behest of his "board," testified in support of the bill, arguing that gay people supported the cap because pay phones afford gay phone customers with "more privacy." Mansfield's disheveled, unshaven appearance, and convoluted, stuttering oratory brought laughter to committee members.

In a post-hearing interview with Mom...Guess What! Newspaper, Mansfield discussed himself and his organization. The California State Lesbian and Gay Rights Lobby he says, is a volunteer non-profit organization that works "closely" with many gay groups and activists throughout the state. The group only deals with issues where there is a "consensus" of opinion in the gay community. Mansfield refused to disclose how that consensus is reached or who is involved in the process. The group he says, does not meet or collect funds, although the members of the organization are "constantly" speaking before gay groups on legislative matters. Mansfield claims to be a life long gay activist ("I was one of the people who coined the term 'Gay Lib'") who has been working in the Capitol "consistently" for four years. Mansfield takes credit for swaying the votes of many legislators in support of AB 1, including Assemblymembers Hayden, Katz, and Waters. In the course of the interview, Mansfield made various other claims to bolster the impression that he was a well-known, influential, and widely connected figure in gay political circles.

A check of Mansfield's claims revealed that among key gay activists in Sacramento, San Francisco, and Los Angeles, he and his group are unknown to those he contends are political intimates.

The Secretary of State's office says Mansfield is not registered as a lobbyist, and his group is not listed on the state's non-profit rolls. Every effort made to confirm Mansfield's credentials as the leading political voice in the legislature fell short.

Interestingly, Mansfield's activities have escaped the attention of most gay activists. Those who have seen him in action have reacted with outrage and anger. Mansfield himself says he's heard no complaints. One can only guess at what lawmakers think. Like it or not, there is nothing to prohibit Mansfield from representing himself as something he is not. Except, of course, the kind of legitimate statewide lobbying organization that does indeed seek consensus with other legitimate gay groups. That unfortunately, doesn't exist. ■

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As The River Churns

By Stacy Selmans

LAST MONTH: Marie and the K.O.A. Bandits were last seen on the lam from the law after blowing up part of a county golf course with "just the teeniest land mine." Fleeing in Marie's Winnebago, they were playfully engaged in robbing gas stations, in a matronly attempt to overthrow the Exxon corporation. Marie's daughter, Alison, and her roommate, Bobby, were negotiating in Marie's behalf, attempting to obtain a plea bargain. When Marie had been arrested, Bobby had been summoned away from his favorite nook at the Power Plant, and Alison had been interrupted in the middle of a very sleazy dream concerning Meryl Streep and an extremely low-cut blouse. NO ONE was very pleased...

"Alison, Alison I've gotten your mother a reprieve, even though I may have to drop my pants to do it!" Bobby yodelled from the lawn. "And you said my wonderful brand of promiscuous charm would never even cover the phone bill. I'm socking your mom for every long distance phone call I make in the next year," he added,

slamming the front door.

"I'll believe it when I see it, Bobby. Am I guessing here on how you're getting a deal from the D.A. or are we going through your usual Kiss and Tell charade?" Alison drawled, leafing through a dog-eared copy of *The Advocate*.

"Well, you know I have friends in the D.A.'s office..."

"And in every bus station and in every port and in every truck stop in the Western Hemisphere," Alison continued.

"Yes, well, a boy can't be TOO friendly...but it's all about this hysterical new bar called the Doubleknit, a bar for polyester fetishists. I've never seen so many white shoes and matching white belts in my life! It's on K Street and it's run by a K-Mart manager type who calls himself Ray Dacron, and..."

The phone rang on one of the twelve extensions in the house, and Alison lurched towards the nearest one.

"Camp Bozo, which clown did you want to speak to?" Alison mumbled automatically.

"Ali! Thank God it's you. I have to talk to you but I don't have much time. I have to go on rounds with Dr. Escourti in five minutes. It's about the body..." Ashleigh was whispering fiercely, but Alison was missing most of her roommate's message.

"Ashleigh, WHAT are you talking about? We have a meeting with the D.A.'s office in two hours. And you've got some bar overdose stashed in one of the rooms?"

"Haven't you checked around; hasn't Bobby gone into his room yet?"

"No, Bobby was out, busy being Our Boy the Tramp..."

"I can't help it if I'm friendly," Bobby started to interrupt, stroking his "You can't be first but you could be next" T-shirt defensively.

"Well, look in Bobby's room," Ashleigh whispered again. "I didn't mean to knock him out, I just thought he was the SMUD rapist!"

"Ashleigh, did you perform some more of that Zen Violence on another unsuspecting male? You KNOW what happened last time. Poor Father McKnight was in traction for two weeks..."

"How was I supposed to know he was a priest? The man was wearing a LaCoste golf shirt. I didn't know the clergy was allowed to be trendy. Besides, the point is, I knocked a man out, he's comotose in Bobby's room..."

"Oh, no. And the first thing he'll see will be a Barbra Streisand poster. The poor man will think he's in a time warp," Alison sighed in mock desperation.

"Well, take care of him, keep him warm and comfortable. I've got a good nine hours left at the hospital and he may wake up before then."

Bobby charm him into dropping any lawsuits he may have planned. Anything else?"

"Whatever's fair. They're both consenting adults, and Bobby's come-hither grin has pulled us out of a lot of messes. Just don't cook for him. I'm not up to pumping out another stomach tonight," Ashleigh chuckled and hung up.

Muffy had finished cleaning out the cash from the Exxon Station in Mendocino, and the trembling attendant stood looking forlornly at the puddle that the sight of four women, wielding big guns, had caused him to produce.

"Well, you have robbed me, humiliated me and made me wet my pants. Any other fun things coming up?" he asked with a small sniffle.

"I'm sorry, sweetheart...we didn't think of you as a person, but merely as a blue clad tool of the imperialist petrochemical complex. We're just expressing our pent-up anger at the male-dominated business world that has forced us to waste our lives playing Canasta and having tawdy little affairs with our gardeners out in the suburbs. Or with our doctors..." Marie began to reminisce with a wistful look.

"I worked for a doctor once. But he was a shitehead, and I never want to see his slimy face again!" the attendant yelped.

"Come, come dear, come into the Winnebago and change into something more comfortable, while we recycle your uniform. What's your name anyway, and why are you upset about this doctor?" Marie said soothingly.

"My name is Layne. And that doctor, I'll never forgive him. His

name is Dr. Escourti. He wears those terrible white shoes and a matching white belt..."

"Arumpphhhhhhhh. Thhddddd kkkkooowwohhnnooooo." The man on Bobby's bed attempted to communicate through a groggy, sleepy haze.

"Don't try to do too much," decked you and she has punched out more men than I can remember. Usually she has enough sense, though, not to bring them home for treatment."

"Whaaaaa?" he added, blinking dazedly at the velvet bedspread and the huge poster of Barbra.

"Ignore that," Alison said, following his gaze, "It's just Bobby's way of being campy. He wants folks to love him for himself, not for his decor. Anyway, Ashleigh's really sorry. She whomped you because she thought you were the SMUD rapist; you know, that guy who wears stolen uniforms and reads more than meters in his spare time."

"Where the hell AM I?" the man asked, blinking.

"You're here in River Park, at Camp Bozo, and my name is Alison."

"Camp WHAT?"

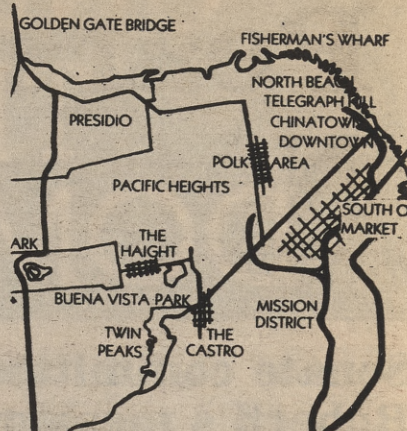
"Camp Bozo. We just call it that, because so many weird things go on here, it's like living in a circus," Alison explained patiently.

"C'mon, let's go out to the living room. I'll fix you a drink. Who are you, anyway?"

The man looked up feebly, and his broad face wrinkled with despair. "I...don't really know...Except I think my name is Jimmy...Jimmy, the H."

NEXT MONTH: Layne becomes part of the KOA Bandits, and tells the true tales behind Dr. Escourti and his white belts; Bobby explains how he got the D.A.'s office to go easy on Marie; Jimmy the H searches for his identity through the therapy applied by New-Wave Guru, Rama Trigger...

San Francisco Datebook



By Joseph Bean

May is definitely entertainment month in San Francisco. In fact, **Bay Area Theatre Week** (May 6-15) includes productions and special events by more than 50 resident and visiting theatre companies. A lot of these activities are free, a few are specifically designed for gay audiences, and many are one-shot bookings. The full program includes things as various as a costume fashion show and a one-man clown show, American Conservatory Theatre's last play of the season, *The Holdup* (which is a very good Western love story,) and a huge party at the Old Mint. For a complete schedule call (415) 750-3155.

Champagne!...in a Cardboard Cup, a delightful revue of Noel Coward's best, was an enormous success here a few months ago. As its license expires soon, it is re-opening for "A Final Curtain" run in Hotel York's Plush Room. Thursdays through Sundays, starting May 12 at 7:30 p.m. Another musical event on the must-see level is also returning after some weeks off: **Romanovsky & Phillips!** Ron Romanovsky and Paul Phillips are lovers, and they have written songs that spell out so many of the feelings and situations we have all been through. You'll laugh a lot, you'll enjoy the music, and unavoidably, you'll see yourself, your friends and your enemies in their songs. At the Valencia Rose, May 27 and 29 at 10:30 p.m.

Terrence McNally's critically acclaimed play that takes place in a bathhouse, *The Ritz*, opens in San Francisco, at the Victoria Theatre, on May 15 for a limited run of Wednesday through Sunday performances. And, starting May 14, Shakespeare San Francisco will be performing *The Tempest* in

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Pearson's atmosphere and welcome are warm and friendly. Service is prompt and more than willing to please, though completely unschooled in the art of formal service. The pleasant informality and cheerful demeanor fits in with the knotty pine panelling, chairs generally mismatched, house plants in dippers hanging from nails in the walls in wicker baskets, and checkered oilcloth for the tablecloth.

This place looks like it kind of just grew without plan in the ground floor basement of an old unrestored Victorian mansion. It still has an unfinished look though no longer under construction. For example, a counter was partially chopped up to make room for a gigantic espresso machine. Or, while part of the kitchen is just left of the front door, the rest of it is through three dining rooms to the back.

Meals are usually more carefully put together than decor. Soups are all homemade and filling as well. They taste as if they have been simmered all day. A vegetable soup was generously filled with large irregular chunks of tomatoes, carrots, potatoes, and celery, as well as insistent herbs including dill, onion, and parsley. Another fine soup was made from barley, thick and rib-sticking. More subtle and mildly seasoned than the vegetable, the barley grains were cooked though not mushy. The broth was thick though not gummy or floury.

Salads with meals are adequate but not of the same caliber. The best is visible from the top: alfalfa

sprouts generously applied over leafy lettuce. A slice of tomato, a carrot stick, and zucchini stick add crunch and color. But nestled underneath is barren iceberg lettuce. A spinach salad is larger and better — lots of crisp and fresh spinach, sliced mushrooms, finely minced walnuts, and "vegie baco-bits." Unfortunately, the spinach salad isn't served with complete dinners. Other salads as well are available. Four house-made dressings are available. I find the oil and vinegar herb dressing sensitively combined and very enjoyable. The violently bright yellow dressing is much milder and better than its hot-dog mustard color would suggest. Dill and blue cheese dressing are offered, too.

Main courses can be hot or cold sandwiches, dinners, crepes, and burgers. The dinners tend to be smaller than the price would suggest, though they include soup or salad, and often a steamed vegetable. For example, Red Snapper a la Brazileira was a small fresh fillet smothered in partly cooked tomatoes and thin onion rings. The promised cilantro (coriander) and other spices were almost undetectable. The brown rice was cooked well — tender and with each grain separate. Other dinners offer steamed vegetables, a quiche, and vegetarian spaghetti.

Crepes are well enough made and more reasonably priced than dinners. A pair of chicken crepes were full of white meat. The crepes

were as tender as whole wheat flour can make them. Minced almonds on the top were an added plus. Unfortunately the promised orange and honey sauce seemed so muted as to be nonexistent.

Desserts are variable. Those made by Pearson's are generally good. The apple pie with a whole wheat soft crust and apples still with a bit of crunch left in them is probably the best. Ask your server for further information, which is generously and honestly given.

I'd be missing the best item at Pearson's if I didn't mention its whole wheat dinner rolls. They're rich, chewy miniature loaves generously created. Unfortunately, they seem to be rationed when available. On occasion I've been served a single slice of not quite as good bread than the roll promised on the menu.

One refreshing note: the entire menu — even breakfast — is served at any hour that Pearson's is open.

This place probably tries to be too many things to too many people. A clearer focus on the "natural" and a severe pruning of an overly long and complex menu would probably greatly improve the remainder. A lunch or dinner will \$5 or \$7, a "dinner" from the menu from \$8 to \$10, plus any drinks, tax and tip. (The same menu is also served at Pearson's other restaurant in Carmichael.)

Reviewed by Lawrence Press

Pasta Fresca: Sacramento New Noodle

By Chuck Miller

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To top it off, they pride themselves in having one of only four tortellini machines on the

West Coast. What is a tortellini, you ask? I'm not about to divulge that information but you can see hundreds of them being made for yourself upon entering the door. Further Francopasta information can be obtained by the menu's glossary dedicated to the pasta novice.

Atmosphere and chemistry combines appetizing aromas in time with classical music in further tantalize the senses while comfortably touring their selection of bottled European and California wines at affordable prices. Perhaps an imported or domestic beer might be preferred to quench a Sacramentan thirst while deciding on soup de jour or a light Italian salad to compliment your pasta entre.

And a pasta binge just isn't complete without a demitasse of espresso or cup of cappuccino to send you and a friend to the brass espresso machine.

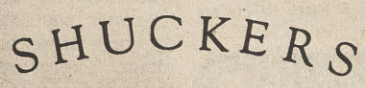
The clincher, however, comes from the assortment of truffle temptations: a chocolate rush guaranteed to send any diner into seventh heaven.

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Women's Health: Premenstrual Syndrome

By Cheryl Iruza

As a woman, do you find there are certain times when you are out of control? Do you become depressed, irritable, lethargic? Do you scream at your family, lover or friends...even abuse them, verbally or physically? Do you ever break down and cry, feel suicidal, or go on an alcoholic binge for no apparent reason?

If so, you may suffer from Premenstrual Syndrome. It is the world's most common disease, and yet it has been the most difficult to receive adequate treatment for.

Saturday, April 23rd, a group of concerned people called the PMS Network, held a workshop on the Premenstrual Syndrome at Sacramento City College. The PMS Network, made up of health professionals, PMS sufferers and other concerned individuals, has been established to help educate women and others, including health professionals. The group also helps to form support groups for sufferers of Premenstrual Syndrome.

Approximately 150 women and men attended the event, which was co-sponsored by Womankind Health Clinic and the Sacramento City College Re-entry and Women's Center.

Gail Lesh of the Mental Health Association and Lesley Schroeder, a psychiatrist in private practice,

acted as coordinating speakers.

An explanation of the menstrual cycle and what happens to a woman, physically, during that time was presented by Marilyn Walker-Bruder. Management of Premenstrual Syndrome was presented by Marilyn Seach-Koll of Santa Cruz and Dr. David E. Altman of Sacramento. Seach-Koll discussed the role of nutrition and how most women can actually overcome PMS by simply being aware, eating a proper diet, and taking carefully balanced supplements.

topics: PMS and the Mental Health Professionals; Stress Management; Partners of PMS Sufferers; and Progesterone and Fine Tuning. All individual workshops were conducted by highly qualified professionals.

40% to 70% of all women suffer from at least 3 of the many PMS symptoms. 20 to 40% suffer some incapacity, suffer severely, and need medical help. A large percentage of violent acts by women on their spouses, lovers and children have been linked to PMS. Alcoholism in women and



Altman talked about the various drug therapies used during the past several decades to treat what most physicians have considered the ailments of hysterical females. Drugs have merely masked symptoms and, in many cases, increased the problems. Through medical research and a willingness to stand against the opinions of their colleagues, a few pioneering physicians have taken PMS off the shelves of the psychiatrists and begun to look at the physical evidence. A hormonal imbalance causes the problem and a medically supervised treatment with the hormone, progesterone, is most often prescribed.

Various workshops were conducted in the afternoon in two sessions to offer a broader perspective. These included the

suicides have been shown to have a direct relation to Premenstrual Syndrome. The list of symptoms goes on and on. This is a disease that can no longer be ignored and education is 3/4 of the battle. Workshops like the one offered Saturday are a tremendous step in the education efforts.

Gail Lesh says there are a number of physicians in the Sacramento area now using nutrition and/or progesterone in treatment of PMS. Anyone feeling she may suffer from Premenstrual Syndrome should call the Mental Health Association at 447-9346. They will give a referral to the physician best suited to meet the individual's specific needs and desires.

Ellie Charlton, director of Womankind is also looking forward to setting up a seminar on PMS for lesbians. 20-25 lesbians attended Saturday's workshop. It is a probability in most lesbian relationships one or both women



Mississippi River water at New Orleans. Yet, of any body fluid, saliva has among the highest microscopic counts of bacteria. Between 43,000,000 and 5,500,000 bacteria are in each cc. of saliva, which is the equivalent of one-fifth of a teaspoon.

However one of the main components of saliva is the discharge from glands. Cytomegalovirus is described as the "salivary gland virus," and cytomegalovirus is one of the suspects in the immune system deficiency found in the Gay Community. Following its infection, there is continued secretion of CMV in high amounts in the saliva and other body fluids which can last for weeks or months. Decide for yourself.

What else can you get from kissing? Well, protozoa are not at all uncommon in the oral cavity and these include the familiar names Entamoeba and trichomonas. But, they are not pathogenic in mouth unlike their cousins which can cause amebiasis of the intestinal tract or trichomonas of the genitourinary system.

Hepatitis-B virus is found in large concentrations in blood, urine, semen, and certainly the saliva. The extent of transmission by saliva is unknown, but patients are told during their infection to avoid sharing a glass, a joint, or a kiss. That might halt the continuing hepatitis-B epidemic were it not for hepatitis-B carriers (10% of those infected) who are infective for years without their knowing it. The safest thing is probably to take advantage of the new hepatitis-B vaccine and have one less disease to worry about.

Syphilis can have its point of entry anywhere it's put. The lips, tongue and mouth mucosa are frequent sites. But the period of infectivity is usually confined to a few weeks in the primary and secondary stages. The infective source can usually be identified as a sore, a rash, or a patch on the mucosa.

Tuberculosis is probably more often transmitted by expectoration than saliva. It must come from the lower respiratory tract. In fact, there used to be laws prohibiting spitting in public places. Spitting has become less and less socially acceptable. It is actually a unique human practice shared by only a few other animals: the camel, the chameleon, and certain snakes.

Likely, there is no evidence that rabies virus persists in the saliva of asymptomatic human beings. This is in contrast to bats, who can have infectious saliva for indefinite periods but no symptoms.

Gonorrhea is probably not spread by kissing. It tends to stay

A Kiss Is Not Only A Kiss It's a body fluid exchange.

Harvey Thompson, M.D.

"There is only one way to treat a cold, and that is with contempt." ...Sir William Osler

The Gay Community is the kissiest group around. Smack, right on the lips. Total strangers, even. A straight acquaintance of mine says only her Gay male friends greet her with a kiss. Not even her closest relatives go for the lips.

Mononucleosis used to be called the "kissing disease." The Kaposi's Foundation in San Francisco is now referring to cytomegalovirus as the "kissing disease." Is AIDS also a kissing disease?

Since the cause of AIDS has yet to be determined, the mode of transmission is unknown. It is, however, thought to be transmitted by body fluids just like hepatitis-B virus. Therefore, direct mucosal contact is unadvised.

The lips, however, are not mucosal surfaces. But, they are bathed in saliva. Saliva is really a poor indicator of mouth flora and fauna. It would be like describing the soil micro-organisms in Minnesota by culturing the

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Local Organization News

Sacramento AIDS Group Open Office And Hotline

The new office of the Sacramento AIDS/KS Foundation has opened, providing the community with a medical and psychotherapeutic referral list, a source for educational material, a liaison with the University of California, Davis, Medical Center, and a crisis hotline.

The new office is located at 2115 "J" St., Suite 3, and the Hotline number is 448-AIDS.

The foundation's services are patterned after the Kaposi's Sarcoma Foundation in San Francisco, and according to medical directors, Drs. Sandy Pomerantz and Harvey Thompson, will provide Sacramento with a much needed service.

The number of known Sacramento-area cases of AIDS has risen to 16 with another possible case under observation, and of those, five have died, a foundation spokesperson said.

The co-medical directors will host an open forum in the State Capitol, Saturday May 7, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The forum is co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society, and a representative of Senator David Roberti's office will be present to address the audience on the status of SB-910 - the AIDS research and education funding bill presently in the State Legislature.

A medical referral list has been developed for all people in the Sacramento Community who have AIDS concerns. Psychotherapists are available to work individually with people about their AIDS concerns. In addition, a group is available at the American River Hospital for any persons with AIDS

to provide supportive therapy. A similar group will be forming this summer for people with intermediate syndromes, i.e. chronic lymphadenopathy and another group for the "worried well."

Educational material is provided to all members of the Sacramento Community along with forums for any persons in high risk groups with guidelines specifically for risk reduction. The Board is involved in monitoring AIDS and health-related legislation on the National and State and local levels, and is working in conjunction with Senator David Roberti on the present bill in the State Legislature which calls for funding for AIDS research.

A liaison with the University of California, Davis Medical Center has been created and an AIDS Clinic is being set up there, which will be held twice monthly in the evenings for people who lack health insurance. Additionally, the foundation is providing transportation for medical appointments, hospital visits, rehabilitation, therapy, psychotherapy, etc. for any AIDS patients.

Services are done with no charges to clients. Because of those direct client services, it is necessary to continue to ask all members of the Sacramento Community to help with financial support. Any such donation is tax-deductible and can be mailed to P.O. Box 1682266, 2115 J Street, Suite No. 3, Sacramento, CA 95816.

Our River City Family Provides Alternatives

Tired of the bars, bathes, beaches, bushes and bookstores? Tired of staying home because there's nothing else to do? Just "coming out" and don't know where to turn? Approximately 2,500 people have faced the same situation in the last three years and decided to join OUR RIVER CITY FAMILY.

A social organization for men and women of Sacramento's gay community, ORCF was formed to provide common interest activities in which to meet other gay people and possibly form friendships and/or relationships. The concept of ORCF has been so successful that other "families" are forming in San Francisco and Oakland. Thus far the common interest activities center around the diverse social, cultural and sporting interests of our gay community.

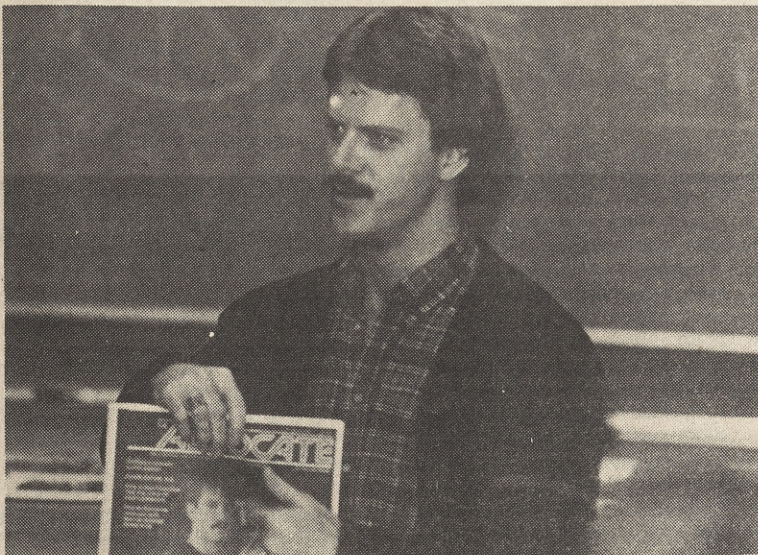
The highly successful monthly potluck next will be held on Saturday, May 7 at 7 p.m. Traditionally held in the homes of individual members, this potluck will be in the home of Frank Lawler. All are encouraged to attend, providing your own beverage refreshment and a food dish. In order to ensure an ample amount of food, if you plan on bringing a number of friends, please plan your food dish accordingly. As always ORCF will provide all necessary eating utensils. For directions to the May potluck and further information contact Rob (962-3083) Paul

Future social activities are a pajama party in June and a Country Western Hoedown in July or August.

Participation at numerous cultural events is planned for the month of May. Of particular importance is a Bach concert being given on May 6 at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$6-\$10. Additionally members are encouraged to attend the Wine Expo at Cosumnes River College on May 14 from 10-4. Cost is \$12.50 per person and includes wine and food tasting. For further information on these and other events contact Dennis (443-5336).

Weekly volleyball continues to be played at Sacramento City College Women's Gym on Thursday evenings from 7-11 p.m. All equipment is provided; however, a \$2 donation is requested to cover the cost of gym rental and equipment upkeep. In addition to recreational volleyball, instruction for power volleyball beginners is being provided for interested persons. For further information contact Paul (447-1065).

To make ORCF as successful as it is has required the commitment and dedication of many people. If you are interested in being one of those people, numerous appointive and liaison positions are available. To find out more about these positions you are invited to attend the monthly Council meeting on May 9 at 8 p.m. or contact Paul (447-1065) or Charles (391-1363).



Jim Mayer explains some ways to court non-gay corporation. Photo by Charles Porubsky

Courting National Dollars Is Encouraged

Bringing in non-gay national corporate advertising dollars and financial support is the next step in providing funding for major gay events, according to an industry spokesman who spoke at a meeting of the Lesbian and Gay Peoples Union at CSUS May 21.

Jim Mayer, a vice president of Avanti Marketing Services and former aide in the Carter White House, said that funding for gay events is now in the bake sale category and that we need to reach out to non-gay sources of funding. "Just as Kool Cigarettes sponsors jazz festivals and Colgate sponsors women's golf," Mayer said, "non-gay corporations can be used to sponsor gay events."

Getting the gay community and non-gay corporations together is the objective of Avanti Marketing Services, whose philosophy, according to Mayer, is that everything that they do is to have some benefit for a local gay organization.

Avanti has already had some success with its endeavor and is currently working with Pernod to sponsor a string quartet composed of members of the San Francisco

Gay Freedom Day Marching Band. The quartet will present a program entitled "Cocktails For Two" and play in various bars in San Francisco during May and June. While proceeds from the event will go to the band, Avanti expects that Pernod will also benefit from the exposure.

Convincing non-gay corporations to work with the gay community has not always been easy. "They don't want to be put in the position of condoning what we do," Mayer said, "but a survey that Avanti conducted of gay men showing that 79% of them would support a company that supported gay events has helped."

Even when a company does agree to work with Avanti, the problems do not end. "A decision that could be made at mid-level," Mayer said, "goes all the way to the top when we are involved."

While courting non-gay corporations, Avanti is sensitive to the possibility of being exploited by the corporations. "The gay community is a little bit more sensitive about being ripped off," Mayer said, "and we're too savvy to be exploited."

Ernie Brown to Present Award

Ernie Brown's 'Mother Jeffrey, Mother of the Year Award' will be presented Sunday, May 8th, at the Mercantile Saloon, starting at 1 p.m. There will be entertainment, barbeque chicken & ribs, flea markets, raffle, and the Mother of the Year Award. One of the highlights of the evening will be "The Big Raffle," Aunt Rachael's 1972 Coupe deVille Cadillac (as is). Tickets are available at most of the bars. All proceeds will go to the AIDS/KS Foundation of Sacramento.

If you have any items to contribute to the AIDS flea market please contact Ernie Brown at the Mercantile Saloon. Letters of recommendation for the 'Mother of the Year Award' should also be sent to Ernie Brown, c/o the Mercantile Saloon, 1928 L St. Sacramento, CA. 95814.

Parents Anonymous Opens Chapter

Parents Anonymous, an organization serving parents who have a problem with child abuse/neglect, has formed a new chapter in Sacramento.

The chapter will meet Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 39th and Folsom Blvd. The meetings are confidential and the rights of the parents are protected in that the meetings are not open to unconcerned persons.

Dignity to Celebrate 8th Anniversary

Dignity/Sacramento will celebrate its eighth anniversary with a party and dance June 4 at St. Francis Church at 26th and "K" Streets. The evening will begin with Mass at 6:30.

A no-host social hour will start at 7:30, followed by dinner at 8:30. Dinner is by reservation only with a \$6 donation. The dance will begin at 9:30 with a \$3 admission/donation at the door for persons wanting to attend the dance only.

For more information or to make reservations, write: Dignity/Sacramento, P.O. Box 161765, Sacramento, Ca., 95816, or call: 929-5495.

Men's Group Forming

Bruce Gunn and Ed Hall will lead a six week support group for gay men from Thursday, June 2 through Thursday, July 7. This will be an unstructured group to which the participants will bring their own issues. Bruce and Ed anticipate such topics as: Gay Male Relationships, Self-esteem, Relating to the Straight World, etc. The cost of the group will be \$90.00 for six weeks. The leaders intend for the group to be continuous and ongoing and will ask participants to sign up for six weeks with the option to continue, if they choose. The group will meet from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Further information may be obtained by contacting Bruce at 443-7171 or Ed at 484-1212. Enrollment is on a first come first serve basis. Checks may be made payable to Ed Hall and mailed to him at 2222 Watt Ave., Suite B14, Sac. 95825.

Gay Student Union Holds Rap Groups

The Sac. City College's Lesbian and Gay Student Union will be having its Weekly Rap Group every Wednesday at noon in room RS-721. The group will deal with the concerns of being a gay or lesbian student, including people's personal lives. Contact Mark Baker, 441-2026, for further information.



Local Lesbian Photographers Slate Spring Showing

The Sacramento Lesbian Photographers' Alliance is preparing a spring showing of members' work for Sunday afternoon, May 15th, from 3-7 p.m.

This will be the group's second show. Their first show, titled "A Salon of Current Works" was held last October and drew 130 appreciative viewers. The show May 15th will follow the same format as the first show; that is, it will be a one-day "Salon" providing a party atmosphere, including live music and refreshments. The title of the May 15th showing is "A Spring Salon."

The show will feature the work of the four original Alliance members: Pat Gargaetas, JoEllen

Arnold, Diana Netherland, and Remy Ceci, as well as newcomer Julia Richardson.

The Salon will once again be held in a private home, and will include light piano music, refreshments, an auction (each artist will auction off one framed print) and a performance by the Madrigal Singers. All of the work exhibited will be for sale.

The Salon will be held at 1825 Beverly Way, Sacramento, Sunday, May 15, from 3-7 p.m. A \$1.00 donation will be asked at the door.

For more information or a map to the Salon, contact Remy Ceci 441-1957 (leave message).

A VIEW FROM HERE

Taking Up A Grand Tradition

By Katherine Raines

Richard Gray used to write this column. He said he was being silly about the whole thing, as if a view from his dirty downtown window was that omniscient. He liked the feel of it though; it sounded so official. Richard's gone and I miss him. I miss his mess of a house and soggy lemon meringue pies. I miss his scratchy records and his songs from the heart.

He was sitting on the theater steps of Long Beach State when I first met him. Richard was great stuff. He had a small red car he'd abandon for days when the seriousness of responsible driving overwhelmed him. That's when I knew I was going to like him. We waded into that car with our faces inches away from the windshield because of all the junk inside. Richard put it on sort of automatic pilot and we chanced our way through the narrow streets to the beach.

We sat in the sand and talked. I read him a poem of mine and he told me about a play he was working on, "The Weird Trip to Egypt" and how it dealt with a similar theme. I can still see us at the beach that day. Richard as quiet as a tree, not wanting to get his feet wet and me standing up to my hips in the cold winter water.

We both eventually drifted to Sacramento. We would meet at Richard's place because he knew how to cook. Richard's house was one wreck alright. When sweet man Craig lived there it was stripped to that beach town deco some fags seem to cotton to. Craig left, Mary Elva moved in with her rich rag-bag collection and house sang a different tune. It's not that Richard didn't have his fingerprints on things, he just had that wonderful laissez faire approach to interior decorating.

Richard has left for Yale with Ivy, his Springer Spaniel and Beau, his new flame. He said he wouldn't be back for years. He's been gone for months but I come across bits and pieces of him all over the place — an Elvis Presley postcard, plastic hotdogs strung into a necklace, a photo of him by the railroad tracks. I miss his words and would like to follow in his big flat footsteps. I'm shorter than he is, my window to the world is street level in a very quiet neighborhood. Richard was upstairs and uptown, but we have the same grains of sand stuck in our shoes, the same scraps of memories stuffed into our pockets. Richard Gray has left Sacramento, but his fingerprints are everywhere. ■

Anthropological Conference Studies Homosexuality and Culture

"Homosexuality and the Social Sciences" will be the subject of the Anthropological Research Group on Homosexuality's two day conference at CSUS on May 6 and 7.

Former CSUS teacher Clark Taylor, now of the Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality, will be one of the

facilitators of the conference that will focus on the cultural effects of homosexuality.

The conference, sponsored by the Sacramento Anthropological Society, is open to all interested individuals. For further information, contact: Dr. Lorraine Heidecker at 454-6452. ■

Kiss, From Page 8

where it is put, and that usually is on the posterior pharynx. It is more likely that the recipient of orogenital sex would be infected than the "deep kisser."

Colds are usually transmitted by droplet and carried on the currents of breathing or a sneeze or a cough. A more direct method would be the kiss. If you think you have had more than your share of winter colds, then worry about paramyxovirus, adenovirus, reovirus, etc. on the lips of others.

Most viral infections are only transient in the mouth. The

exception is herpes, which can probably be transmitted from a person without symptoms of the disease. In contrast, mumps can only be transferred from infected individuals from about six days before the illness to nine days afterwards.

The mouth is a complex environment. What grows in the mouth is a reflection of that environment. If you have ever had a "furred" tongue, you recognize the influence a recent cold or antibiotic can have on tongue biology. Good oral hygiene will ensure a lower number of micro-organisms and that they also are tolerant to oxygen. A neglect of oral hygiene results in the proliferation of nonoxygen-requiring "anaerobic" bacteria which are characterized by putrefaction or bad breath. ■

Gay Fathers Get Together For Support

Gay fathers face unique situations and problems. Child custody, childcare, and the plight of the single father are all issues of concern to the gay father. In an effort to provide support and expand social opportunities to gay men with children, a gay fathers support group is initiating a series of monthly meetings. The group is open to all gay fathers who are seeking other gay fathers for social contact, support, and advice. For more information concerning meeting times and locations contact Ron Grey or Val Fernandez at 441-4594. ■

Free Food, Beer To Be Featured at Valley Knights Anniversary Party

The Valley Knights Motorcycle Club of Sacramento will hold its seventh-annual anniversary party on Saturday, May 7, 1983. The event will be an all-day affair, with motorcycle field events starting at 11 a.m. and the indoor party beginning at about 1 p.m. The public is invited.

The motorcycle field events will consist of several slow-speed skills tests. Each part of the contest is designed to test the ability of the biker to handle his bike during slow-speed maneuvering. There will also be buddy-rider events. In these events the biker will be riding his bike with a buddy on the back while he goes through the maneuvering tests. Anyone with a motorcycle may enter the field events, and the public is invited to watch. Trophies will be awarded to the winners.

After the motorcycle events, the celebration will move indoors to the Broadway Ltd. The Valley Knights will provide a free keg of beer, free food, and a pin for attending the party. The club's anniversary parties have become a tradition for Sacramento, and this year's party is expected to fill the Broadway Ltd. to its capacity. ***

The Valley Knights have already been taking advantage of the good spring weather. The club sponsored an overnight run to the Russian River on the weekend of April 23 and 24. The backroads between Sacramento and the Russian River area are especially fun for a motorcycle, and the Valley Knights and their friends had a good ride on the winding, twisting roads (not to mention the good time at the Russian River!). ***

The motorcycle club's annual garage sale was held on the weekend of April 9 and 10. It was very successful, and the club has expressed thanks to the many persons who supported the sale with both purchases and donations. ***

The riding and camping season is just beginning and the Valley Knights, along with the other motorcycle clubs of the West Coast have many activities planned for this year. For more information contact any Valley Knight member or write to the club at P.O. Box 8163, Sacramento, CA 95818. ■

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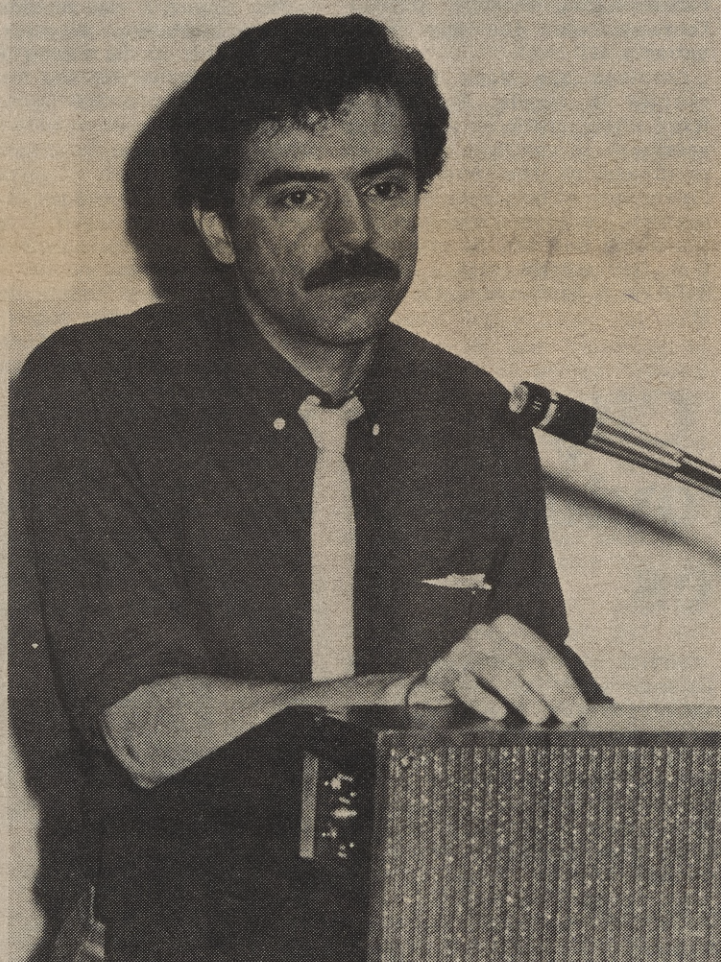
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Author and historian Alan Berube gave an absorbing presentation on the lives of lesbian and gay men who served in World War II. Berube is a full time researcher and writer who is a part of the San Francisco based Lesbian and Gay History Project. Berube's recent article "The Roots of Liberation" was the first major gay related feature in Mother Jones magazine, and brought national attention to Berube's work. Photo Frank Lawler Jr.

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Pool League Celebrates First Year Success



The Broadway Ltd. recently hosted the first awards banquet for the River City Pool League. League members enjoyed a hearty dinner and flowing champagne amongst the festive decor and party favors. Accepting team awards are Frank Holt (Broadway Ltd.) 2nd place; Jim Gawronski and Bob Solomon (Wreck Room) 1st place; and P.J. King (Diamond Butterfly) 3rd place. Other bars sponsoring teams were the Power Plant and the Parking Lot. Solomon, organizer of the league was encouraged by participants to continue the league for future tournaments. Photo by Frank Lawler.

Hepatitis B Project Wins AIDS Video Project Funds

By Mark Vandervelden

The California Medical Education and Research Foundation, the non-profit arm of the California Medical Association, has awarded the Sacramento Hepatitis B Project a \$5,000 grant for the distribution of a video presentation on AIDS. The AIDS video project was conceived by Hepatitis B Project Coordinator Ken Brock, who has successfully negotiated an agreement with the United-Tribune Cable Co. to provide production and editing equipment and facilities. The CMERF grant, according to Brock "will help put Sacramento on the AIDS map. The video format is one of the most effective means of reaching small audiences all across the nation."

Since the initial grant application was submitted, a local Kaposi's Sarcoma/AIDS Foundation has formed. Brock has asked to local KS/AIDS group to assume

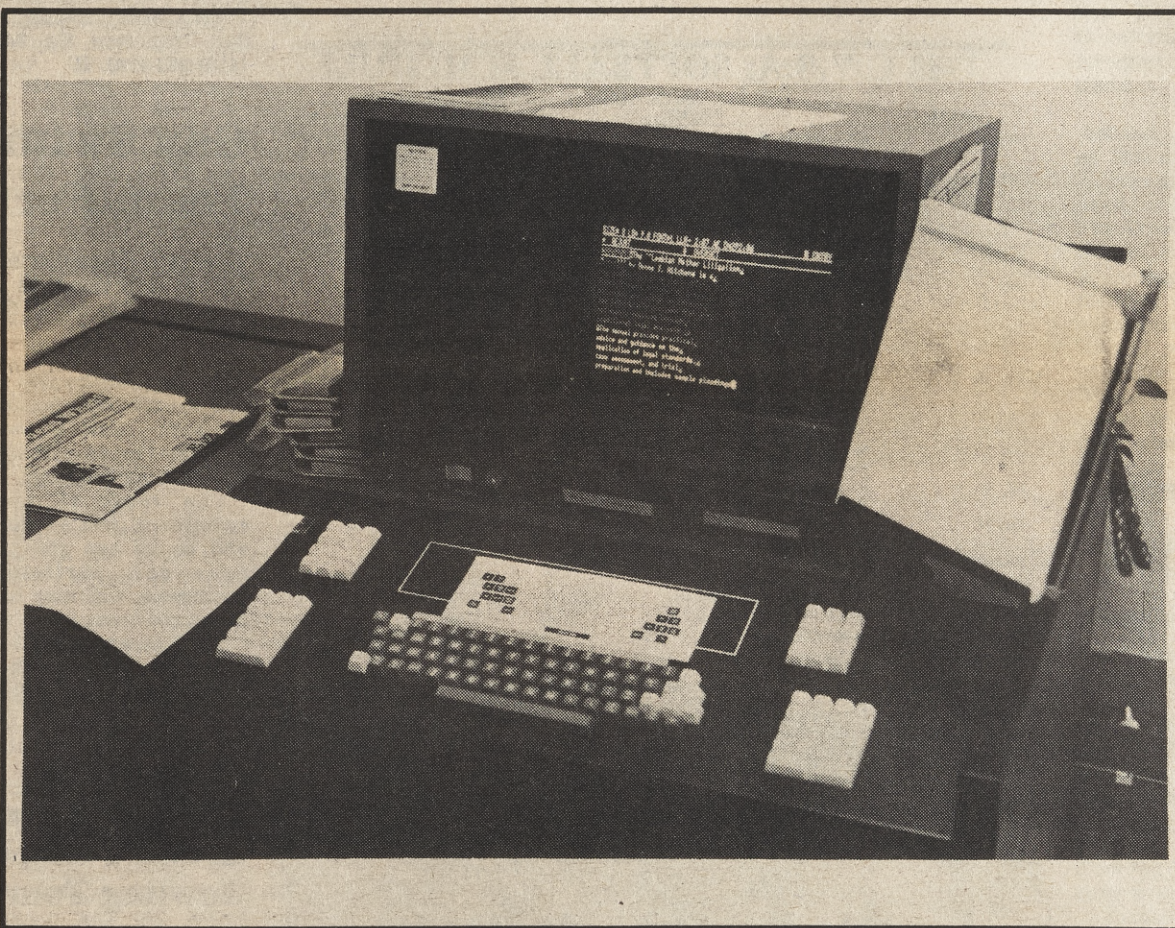
responsibility for managing the production and editing phase of the project. "Now that Sacramento has its own AIDS Foundation," says Brock "it is more appropriate that they be in charge of overseeing the production of the video project. The Hepatitis B Project will continue its current efforts to inform the gay community about the hazards and preventative steps available to combat Hepatitis B."

The video production has been under serious discussion for several months. Brock has assembled a production team of videographers, script writers, medical consultants, and editors to outline the content of the video project. "We intend to produce a program that will be appealing to a gay male audience," Brock says. "The whole question of AIDS will be presented in a sensitive, warm style that will be both entertaining and medically credible."



The United-Tribune Cable Co. has been exceptionally open and cooperative in their support of the project, according to Brock. "United-Tribune deserves to be recognized for its willingness to assist the Hepatitis B Project in this vital effort", Brock stated.

At this point, the execution of the video project hinges on the willingness of the local KS/AIDS Foundation to assume management of the project and the outcome of negotiations between United-Tribune and the City of Sacramento. Those issues aside, the next step is the establishment of a production timeline, scripting, shooting, and editing. For more information on the AIDS Video Project contact Ken Brock at 453-8995. Actors needed. ■



Mom Gets Typesetting Equipment

"Artie", Mom...Guess What! Newspaper's state-of-the-art, all-purpose computerized typesetting equipment. "Artie" will give MGW vastly improved graphics capability and greater editorial flexibility. "Artie" is named after Dr. Art Katz D.D.S., a generous benefactor of MGW, whose substantial financial assistance made the purchase of "Artie" possible. Dr. Katz contributions to the gay community have been substantial. His latest efforts will assure that the Sacramento gay community will continue to have the kind of professionally produced news magazine it deserves. Photo by Dave Waling



GNIE Elects New Leadership

Empress X Loretta and Emperor X Ken greeted hundreds of onlookers as GNIE's new reigning monarchy. The evening attracted hundreds of court members and friends to enjoy "That's Entertainment! Cavalcade of Stars" at the Turn Verein Hall. Guest were treated to a host of entertainment from the visiting courts. One of the highlights of the evening was the outstanding and professional talent of Tina. Her singing style and stage presence has dazzled audiences for many years. Mom Guess What! Newspaper commends Billy Tree and Doug Shafer, outgoing Empress and Emperor for their strong leadership and outstanding fund-raising efforts. GNIE has given about \$3000 to local organizations that help the gay community. Photo by Frank Lawler

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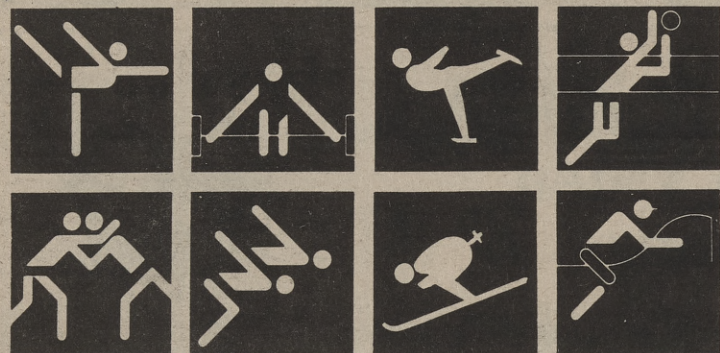
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Central Valley Softball League Kicks Off Premiere Season

Sacramento's Wreck Room Stars and Parking Lot squads have joined the Fresno Express and the Modesto Bulls to form the Central Valley's first gay softball league. If the Opening Games are any indication, the CVSL promises exciting and competitive play for players and fans alike. The Wreck Room Stars and Parking Lot teams will stage their home games at Grant Field, 21st and C St. most Sunday afternoons. Both teams strongly encourage fans to come out and root for their favorite players, enjoy the sun, and the other fans.

City League:

Once again, the ever popular Wreck Room will be sponsoring a community softball team in the Sacramento City League. This will be the 4th year the predominantly gay Wreck Room Stars will be playing in the straight City and Park Recreation League. League Play will begin around May 25th. Schedules for the City League games will be published soon. So keep your Wednesday nights open and come out and cheer for your community team.

Seattle Tournament:

The Wreck Room Stars Tournament Team will be heading for Seattle on May 28-30th to play for the Seattle Cascade Cup. Last year the Stars came in second place and this year the Stars are determined to win the tournament. This year's tournament team players are: Gerry Belher, Mike

and Dave Jimenez, Chuck Nash, Rick Torres, Mike Newman, Mike Miller, Henry Hutchison, Bobby Soloman, Mark Vandervelden, Joe Maxwell, Mike Ansor and team manager Paul Coke. To help offset the tournament travel cost, the Wreck Room Tournament team is planning an Auction for May 11th at 8:00 p.m. at the Wreck Room. Your team support is needed. Not only that, you will have lots of fun at the auction.

Wreck Room Tournament:

Although it is early, the Wreck Room will be hosting the 3rd annual Wreck Room tournament (actually the 5th annual Sacramento Games) on July 2-3 (over the 4th of July weekend). Teams from Seattle, Portland, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Fresno, Modesto, Vancouver B.C. and Sacramento have been invited to participate in what is considered one of the best gay softball tournaments.

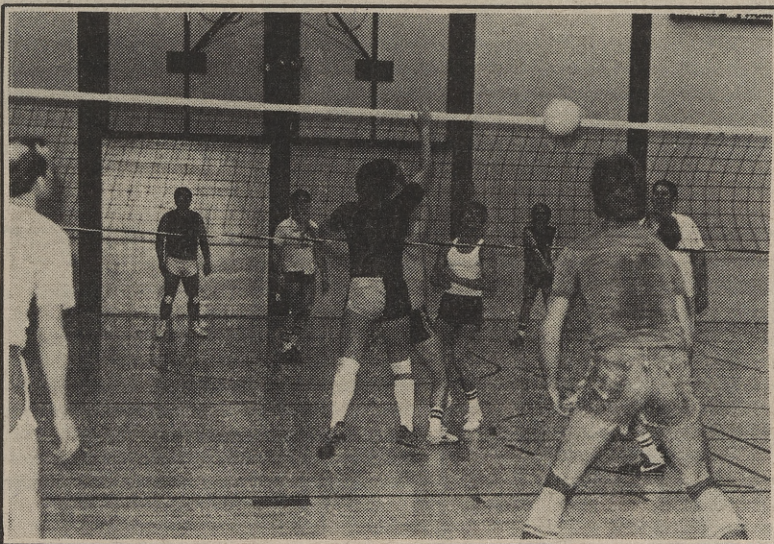
Your fan support is needed. Players from out of town will be requiring housing. You can help by hosting one of our out-of-town guests. Please contact the Wreck Room at 443-1181, or Paul Coke at 451-5996 for housing arrangements. This is your opportunity to meet one of our out-of-players and make new friends. Additionally, this an opportunity for our community to open its doors to our geust and show them that our community is a winner. Pitch in and help your community team. ■



Volleyball-One of Sacramento's favorite ongoing sports activities is the Our River City Family sponsored volleyball night at the Sacramento City College womens gym. Men and women are welcome to participate from 7-11 p.m. Photo by Charles Porubsky.

1983 C.V.S.A. SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

| DATE | TEAMS | TIME | PLACE |
|---------------|---|--------|--------------------|
| May 1 | Brave Bull vs. Paring Lot | 12:00 | Sacramento at |
| | Express vs. Wreck Room | 2:00 | 21st & "C" |
| May 8 | Wreck Room vs. Brave Bull | 12:00 | Modesto - Field to |
| | Parking Lot vs. Express | 2:00 | be announced |
| May 15 | Parking Lot vs. Wreck Room | 12:00 | 21st & "C" |
| | Brave Bull vs. Express | 12:00 | Fresno - T.B.A. |
| May 22 | Wreck Room vs. Express | 12:00 | Fresno - T.B.A. |
| | Parking Lot vs. Brave Bull | 2:00 | |
| May 29 | Cascade Cup - Seattle, Washington | | |
| June 5 | Express vs. Parking Lot | 12:00 | 21st & "C" |
| | Brave Bull vs. Wreck Room | 2:00 | |
| June 12 | Wreck Room vs. Parking Lot | 12:00 | 21st & "C" |
| | Express vs. Brave Bull | 12:00 | Modesto - T.B.A. |
| June 19 | Brave Bull vs. Parking Lot | 12:00 | Fresno - T.B.A. |
| | Express vs. Wreck Room | 2:00 | |
| June 26 | GAY PRIDE WEEKEND | | |
| July 4th | Wreck Room Invitational Tournament | | |
| July 10 | Wreck Room vs. Brave Bull | 12:00 | 21st & "C" |
| | Parking Lot vs. Express | 2:00 | |
| July 17 | Parking Lot vs. Wreck Room | 12:00 | 21st & "C" |
| | Brave Bull vs. Express | 12:00 | Fresno - T.B.A. |
| July 24 | Wreck Room vs. Express | 12:00 | Modesto - T.B.A. |
| | Parking Lot vs. Brave Bull | 2:00 | |
| July 31 | Pacific Cup - Vancouver, British Columbia | | |
| August 7 | Express vs. Parking Lot | 12:00 | 21st & "C" |
| | Brave Bull vs. Wreck Room | 2:00 | |
| August 14 | Wreck Room vs. Parking Lot | 12:00 | 21st & "C" |
| | Express vs. Brave Bull | 12:00 | Modesto - T.B.A. |
| August 20, 21 | #4 Team vs. #1 Team | T.B.A. | Modesto - T.B.A. |
| Playoffs | # Team vs. #2 Team | T.B.A. | |



Springtime brings out hundreds of softball players in Sacramento and the gay community. Here players from a YMCA team scramble in a game against the "K" Street Fighting Irish. Photo by Charles Porubsky

S.F. Gay Tennis Tournament For Memorial Day Weekend

The 3rd annual U.S. Openly Gay Tennis Tournament will be held Memorial Day weekend, May 28 to 30, at Golden Gate Park in San Francisco.

Applications and entry fees are being accepted for the 64 starting positions on a first come basis until May 14.

The Gay Tennis Federation membership, sponsors of the tournament, will provide free housing and transportation to and from the airport and bus terminals.

For more information and entry forms write: Les Balmain, Tournament Director, 81 Skyview, San Francisco, Ca. 94131, or call (415) 282-9126. ■

Gay Swim Team Forms

Plans for a gay swimming team will be discussed in a meeting Tuesday, May 24, at 6:30 p.m. at the Parking Lot.

The swim team will begin preparing for the 1984 L.A. Games and the 1986 Gay Games II as well as for possible local meets. Practices and meets will be held in the Parking Lot pool.

The team is open to all swimmers, and swimming events will be by age group so that all ages can participate. Non-swimmers will also be needed to assist the team.

The Sacramento Athletic Games Association will be the governing board for the Gay Games II. ■

Sacramento Bowling Teams 1-2 In San Francisco Bowling Tourney

On April 24th, the All Mixed Up and SAGA II team's placed 1-2 in the San Francisco Bowling Tournament, held to raise money to assist in sending their teams to the I.G.B.O. Tourneys being held in Chicago over Memorial Day.

The All Mixed Up team consisted of Mike, Noreen, Robert, Jerry and Dee. The 2nd Place finishers consisted of Kathy, Mark, Norm, Chris and Jan. Congratulations.

There will be an organizational meeting May 1, at noon, at the Mercantile, for the 6:30 Monday Night Bowling League which will start the last part of May or the first part of June. ■

Club 21 Team Plays With Spirit

By C. Peer

The Club 21 Fighting Irish came from behind, scoring two runs in the seventh inning of their GSL season opener to tie the score and send the game into extra innings.

Playing against San Francisco's Deluxe, the Irish scored a total of 12 runs, showing the San Francisco teams where the big bats and a lot of spirit are.

Because of a time limit, the umpire called the game after eight innings, forcing the two teams to play a tie breaker at a later date.

Irish manager Jack Braddock was pleased with the team's outing and expects the team to do well this season. "We're playing in a competitive division of the league," Braddock said, "but we'll give them a good fight and should come out with a winning season." ■

Fighting Irish 1983 Schedule

| | | |
|---------|----|---|
| May 8 | vs | Pilsner in San Francisco |
| May 15 | vs | Stables in San Francisco |
| June 5 | vs | Rawhide in Sacramento |
| June 12 | vs | Kokpit in Sacramento |
| June 19 | vs | Ambush in San Francisco |
| June 25 | vs | Doubleheader Deluxe and Phone Booth in Sacramento |
| July 10 | | Googles in San Francisco |
| July 7 | vs | Tray in Sacramento |
| July 24 | vs | Moby Dick in San Francisco |
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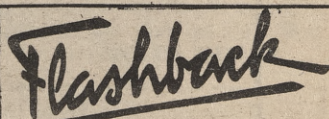
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Book Reviews

Gay And Lesbian Catholics Are Here To Stay

A CHALLENGE TO LOVE; GAY AND LESBIAN CATHOLICS IN THE CHURCH edited by Robert Nugent, The Crossroad Publishing Co., New York, 1983, \$10.95 in paperback, 290 pages.

Reviewed by E. John Hilgert

A Challenge To Love is edited by Robert Nugent and copyrighted by New Ways Ministry, a social justice organization working for reconciliation of gay and lesbian people within the Catholic Church. New Ways asked various people for contributions to this collection. As in any collection by different authors, there is a variety of styles and of writing quality. The 18 articles are fairly evenly divided into four headings: I-Societal Perspectives, II-Biblical/Theological Perspectives, III-Pastoral Perspectives, and IV-Vocational Perspectives. A number of the contributors are top names in theology, Gregory Baum and Daniel Maguire; sociology/psychology, James and Evelyn Whitehead; education, Gabriel Moran; and spiritually, M. Basil Bennington and Matthew Fox. Thirteen of the contributors are Church "establishment" people, brothers, sisters, or priests. Women wrote five of the articles with a sixth being a co-author of one article.

The articles have their starting point where the American bishops end in both their national pastoral letter, *To Live in Christ Jesus*, and in their individual pastoral letters: homosexual orientation is not morally wrong but homosexual activity/behavior is morally wrong. These articles push this principle to its conclusive implications, thus promoting dialogue on the issue of active homosexual people in the Catholic Church in the academic and pastoral arenas. Some articles seem extreme like Daniel Maguire's "The Morality of Homosexual Marriage" and Mary E. Hunt's "Lovingly Lesbian: Toward a Feminist Theology of Friendship," whereas others would be closer to the bishops' distinction of orientation/activity. The articles in the Biblical/Theological section which often deal with moral theology and Paul K. Thomas' article, "Gay and Lesbian Ministry During Marital Breakdown and the Annulment Process," which deals with canon law/annulments, tend toward the technical, but not impossibly so. For myself, the articles on developmental psychology ("The Christian Body and Homosexual Maturing" by James R. Zullo and James D. Whitehead and "Three Passages of Maturity" by James D. and Evelyn Eaton Whitehead)

proved most intriguing. They begin by recognizing that part of the body of Christ is gay, just as other parts of that body of the Church are wounded or healed and scarred. The Church has an obligation to recognize its unity in that body of Christ as well as help all parts of the body in their passages to Christian and human maturity. I found Mary E. Hunt's article, mentioned above, also intriguing because of my lack of knowledge of lesbian feminism.

The positive tone of the articles makes for a hopeful outlook toward a more promising future. The challenge to the "official" Church and her members as well as to the lesbian/gay community means to move beyond the present dialogic impasse to the liberation and service of both. In recognizing their worth, talents and in activating those, gay/lesbian people will free themselves but also enable the Church and society to become more humane, loving and Christian in the process.

From the official Church side, Bishop Walter F. Sullivan's introduction is must reading. Basically he calls for continued dialogue, for despite statements by American bishops, individually and collectively, and Vatican statements which continue to reiterate the homosexual orientation/activity distinction, he says "... we cannot remain satisfied that, once we have clearly articulated the official Church position on homosexuality, nothing remains to be done in the area of pastoral care for homosexual people and education on this topic

for the larger human community, including the families and friends of homosexual people." He also stresses the need for the Church to promote the human rights of all people, "In an age where the flagrant violation of the most basic forms of human rights is so common ..." and he stresses the need for dialogue, which "... by its very nature implies a variety of views and positions."

I believe this book will promote such much needed dialogue. I heartily recommend this book, despite its rather steep price, because everyone will surely find something of value for him/herself in reading *A Challenge To Love*.

Lesbian Mother Guide Published

The "Lesbian Mother Litigation Manual" by Donna J. Hitchens is a new publication from the Lesbian Rights Project designed to assist attorneys and lesbian mothers or gay fathers with problems that are not easily resolved through traditional legal analysis.

The manual provides practical advice and guidance on the application of legal standards, case assessment, and trial preparation and includes sample pleadings and a bibliography.

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International Gay Guide Tells It Like It Is

Spartacus International Gay Guide '83. Editor John D. Stamford. P.O. Box 3498, NL-1001 AG Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Published March, 1983. 800 pages in paperback \$18.00.

Reviewed by: C. Peer

The 13th edition of the *Spartacus International Gay Guide* is out, providing a much needed guide to gay spots throughout the world.

The guide is more than a list of bars and baths in that it tries to provide a realistic look at each country and its attitude toward gays. It is not written by the Chamber of Commerce, and when conditions are unfavorable for



gays, the guide points it out in no uncertain terms.

I had the chance to use the guide in Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines and found it to be quite helpful and informative. ■

GAYS TOGETHER

is a discussion group led by trained lesbian and gay facilitators. GAYS TOGETHER offers a warm and supportive atmosphere and is designed as a way to meet other gay men and lesbian women and to learn more about oneself by means of various interpersonal and relevant discussion topics. GAYS TOGETHER is not a dating service or a religion. There is an optional social gathering after the meeting.

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Reviews

Women's Theme Highlights CSUS Play

By Stacy Selmants

"But then I believe with Calvin that few are saved and I am damned utterly. Then I think if I am damned utterly I might as well sin to make it all worthwhile."

from *Vinegar Tom*,
by Caryl Churchill

The voices do not carry far, they are absorbed in the moment. They are sometimes hesitant, sometimes commanding. The voices are captives, saying the same things over and over and over and over until the scene WORKS.

The voices rise, intertwine, (the director is snapping fingers here; keep the pace, keep the pace.) They reach a jagged, pointed pitch and...stop. (No, the pacing's off. Begin again.) He breathes, then accuses in a low, assured voice. The voice grows with the support of the crowd: taunts, fearful reprisals, self-righteous anger and the inevitability of pain. He pricks her repeatedly with a needle; she bleeds. The answer (no, not too hard, this is a rehearsal,) lies in her passive response. Of course she's a witch. Why else would she behave this way?

The persecution of women during Colonial and pre-Colonial times by both the Catholic Church and by society is the main theme of Caryl Churchill's play *Vinegar Tom*. To be presented at CSUS during the weekends of May 5-7 and 12-14, *Vinegar Tom* was written (in collaboration with a feminist theatre company) by the author of the Broadway hits *Top Girls* and *Cloud Nine*.

According to director Deborah Allen, the play is multi-dimensional, applicable on many levels to society's discrimination against women. "It's not a tract play. She's (Churchill) created these people with real problems. The man she's created is in love with a woman he can't have. And he wants land, since he's clawing his way up from poverty. When you get to that stage you're insecure and that's where he is. He's shown in three dimensions and he also makes some bad decisions."

But the play is not didactic, according to Allen, and is not overcome by stridency or hatred. "I wouldn't stress the hatred. It's about a really ugly time. The perpetrators of the ugliness were men in the church hierarchy and that filtered down to men in the village hierarchy because they had the most to gain by getting rid of



Cast members rehearse a confession scene from Caryl Churchill's play "Vinegar Tom" Photo by Stacy Selmants

the women."

During rehearsals, the human side of the play emerged. Amid the dramatic devices and ugly symbolism was a story, a story of women fighting back against an enemy they had no chance to vanquish. One woman in the story was a healer, one was very poor, another was very old. One woman was sexually unconventional and still another was punished because, though she was rich, she refused to marry the man her father had chosen for her.

To be presented in the CSUS Playwright's Theatre, *Vinegar*

Tom is structured in three-quarter arena staging. Both the males in the show will be playing several parts and creative flash-forward effects will also be utilized.

Though dramatic tension and mood are vital to the success of *Vinegar Tom*, Allen is pleased to be able to present a work by the acclaimed English feminist Caryl Churchill. "I'm in the theatre all the time and I'm always looking for women's scripts, and there aren't a lot. And when we can find a script this good and do it, then we'd like to get other women to come and see it."

Bravo! Sacramento — Local "Barber" Makes Good

Opera Review
by Wayne R. Anderson

If you still doubt that Sacramento is ready to support its own resident opera company, you have not been attending the Sacramento Opera Association's productions over the past two years. On April 8 and 10 near-capacity audiences filled the Community Center for spirited thoroughly professional performances of the latest in these ventures, Rossini's "The Barber of Seville." Oakland Opera conductor Monroe Kanouse led a bubbly performance using imported singers, mostly from the Bay Area, for the principles with local artists for supporting roles and for the orchestra. The opera was sung in English with such superb diction that nearly every word was clear, even in the complex ensembles. Why do pendant purists insist on doing these sparkling comedies in Italian, causing over 95% of the audience to miss most of the words! The recitatives, especially, benefit from translation. In Italian they are murky mumbo jumbo to be endured until the next aria, while in English they reveal the wit that made this opera such a smashing success in its day.

The soloists obviously are chosen for singing and acting ability, which is the only way to do a "Barber." The center of this opera should be Figaro, and indeed it was

with Lee Velta. With his rich, velvety high baritone, good looks, and free stage presence, he made us believe that this barber really was in control of everyone.

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next time it casts this role!

Mezzo Wendy Hillhouse sang Rosina. It is good to see this role returned to the mezzo-soprano, as written, but I found Ms. Hillhouse the weakest member of the cast, although she was certainly acceptable. She overacted with her facial expressions, constantly mugging and pouting, and tripped about the stage like a mechanical doll. Her singing was adequate, but the top notes were brittle while the lower tones were weak and hollow.

As Almaviva, Robert Tate displayed a true rich leggiero tenor voice with exciting unstrained high notes and a comfortable stage presence, although some of Rossini's bravura singing gave him trouble. He looked and acted like the spoiled young nobleman that Almaviva is, yet gave us brief glimpses of the arrogance of the nobility as when the count identifies himself to the police who come to arrest the "drunken soldier" at Bartolo's house.

Carl Glaus played Dr. Bartolo as a thick oaf who became a jealous puppy dog around Rosina. It was a pleasure to see this character under-played for a change after so many years of Fernando Corena-type excesses. His singing voice was somewhat hoarse, but he was superb in the all-important recitative of this role.

John MacAllister was a good Basilio, although he engaged in too many shenanigans with his music master's baton. Sacramento's Elaine Deatherage (Berta) and Ken Johnson (Fiorello) did well in their small roles. Johnson, especially, whetted the appetite for more in his few lines as Fiorello.

Conductor Monroe Kanouse kept things going at a lively pace, although occasionally the orchestra obscured the words but not the voices. The costumes were strikingly beautiful, the sets just serviceable.

Sacramento opera lovers should be proud of our local company and support (i.e., attend!) its productions. The company has already staged "La Boheme" and "Carmen" and will be doing "Tosca" on Nov. 11 and 13, 1983, and "The Magic Flute" on March 30 and April 1, 1984. Do not feel that you should attend these productions because it is good to support hometown efforts. Go to enjoy yourselves because these are very, very good professional productions!

Reliving The Horror:

"The Dan White Incident"

By Jill Kelly

"The Dan White Incident," playing at the People's Theatre at Fort Mason in San Francisco, is a well-crafted and well-acted play; a careful piece of research; and a nearly inflammatory reminder of a homophobic act of violence and subsequent miscarriage of justice. The fact that it is being produced only eight months before Dan White's release from prison makes the viewer feel as though s/he is a part of a terrible drama which has yet to come to an end.

Playwright and director Steve Dobbins spent three years researching the circumstances surrounding the 1978 killings of San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk. His 160 sources were triple-checked to ensure accuracy. Much of the play's dialog is taken directly from court transcripts, White's taped confession, and interviews with

people connected to White and/or the event. The results are very realistic — right down to the last "ums" and "ahs."

The only fictional character in the play is a reporter named John Glasser (played by Daniel Forrest) who acts as an alter-ego for Dobbins' own sleuthing. Interspersed with Glasser's on-stage interviews with characters, such as Chronicle reporter Warren Hinkle, Milk's friend Scott Smith, and anonymous members of the San Francisco Police Department, are scenes from the actual trial. We watch Defense Attorney Doug Schmidt (David Kalish) present Dan White to the jury as a patriotic All-American boy who cracked under family, political and financial pressures, while Prosecutor Tom Norman (Michael Hanington) misses chance after chance to uncover White's malicious homophobia.

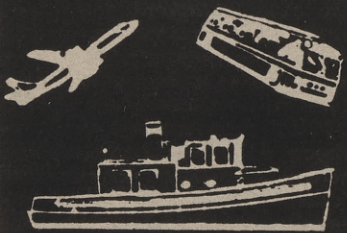
Kevin Reilly's performance as Dan White is masterful: we see the weeping, terrified White confessing to sympathetic police officers; a depressed, panicked and persecuted White loading his police revolver and pockets with

bullets before the fatal confrontations with Moscone and Milk; and finally the cold, righteous and unrepentant White making plans for a life on the outside from his cell at Soledad Prison.

The cast of 21 actors and actresses share 58 separate roles, and their characterizations are well enough drawn so that the viewer does not become hopelessly confused. Thanks to creative sound and lighting effects, plus a multi-level set, the audience can keep track of the numerous shifts in time as the complex story unfolds.

The play is loaded with allusions to San Francisco politics, and I wondered if an out-of-towner might have difficulty following some of the plot trails. But the central drama is accessible and powerful: an ex-supervisor, ex-policeman, ex-fireman shot and killed two of San Francisco's leading liberal politicians — and in January, 1984, will walk out of prison a free man. It is a frightening tale of one man who got away with murder, and the political and societal tensions that made that possible.

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Flashdance: Not All Things To All People

Despite sizzling choreography, snappy direction and the gifted gamine performance of the star, Jennifer Beals, *Flashdance* disappoints in the effort to be all things to all people. Contrived in the *Rocky* mold, where Alex (Beals) is a welder by day and a dancer by night, it is supposedly the story of a working girl's fight to win the freedom to dream.

But first, the dancing. Though some scenes border on the violent, there is a silken energy channeling each move, each kick, easing the audience mood from shock to awe at Beale's ability to eroticize every

physical gesture. Young, vibrant, waggishly sexy, Beales is the prime reason to see this movie. Though Beales is also consistently supported by a corps of jazz dancers, her prime dancing competition comes from several young men who are pictured dancing unabashedly in the street (the "flashdancing" in the movie's title) who exemplify street theatre at its purest.

Unfortunately, Adrian Lyne's newest effort is bogged down by sentimental plotting. In a previous film, *Foxes*, he presented a stark, gripping world of untended

adolescent girls. With *Flashdance*, he piles on the dream motifs and loses a sense of reality. His Prince Charming (Michael Nouri) appears in the form of Alex's boss, who wants to take her away from the harsh world of welding to let her spin uncluttered on a ballet state. He also wants her to "dance" privately in his bedroom.

Nouri does a credible job as the mentor/lover, and Kyle T. Hefner is heartwarming as a cook who yearns to be a comic. But in this movie, the dancing is the whole show, and the plot only serves to strangle the spontaneity. ■

Reviewed by Stacy Selmants

Local Hero Has Gawky Charm



Like a shy, smiling adolescent boy asking for a dance, *Local Hero* has a certain gawky charm, charm that is hard to refuse. Written and directed by Bill Forsyth, who offered last year's lovably silly *Gregory's Girl*, *Local Hero* is an unpretentious, genuine story about choices and values.

The plot is simple, or so it seems. Young, brash Texas junior oil executive (Peter Riegert) is sent to a Scottish isle to purchase it for drilling. Mac is directed to buy the isle, but also to pay attention to and issue reports about the positioning of constellations and other aerial delights above the island village by the bored and quirky company president, (Burt Lancaster).

Mac's mission is complicated by the laid back attitudes of the village residents and the breezy demeanor of the man (Denis Lawson) who plays village innkeeper, mayor, attorney and then has the nerve to serve him his own pet rabbit for supper. ("You didn't like the wine sauce,

perhaps?" he asks with feigned nonchalance.)

As the movie progresses, we see Mac falling in love with the village, and with the lifestyle. He slowly loses his self-timing wristwatch (primed to beep according to Houston schedule), his materialistic attitudes and his desire to buy an entire island for the present-day equivalent of wampum. By the conclusion, the once natty Mac is dressing like a rumpled golf pro on a losing scheme.

The supporting characters are tastefully bizarre, from grizzled but obsessive beach hermits to the island's New Wave refugee to a kamakazi motorcyclist. Lancaster also is commanding in his role as the daffy instigator of the whole scheme.

The movie's ending is predictable, but there is so much warm, celebratory humor throughout as Forsyth takes pointed potshots at social mores, that even the predictability is comforting. ■

Reviewed by Stacy Selmants

San Francisco, From Page 6

Golden Gate Park, FREE, every weekend through the summer. The Shakespeare company has recently discovered the generosity of the SF gay community in the form of a 'cornerstone grant' from the Tavern Guild. They're still struggling for finances (with recent government cut-backs) but their new production is going to be great and all they'll need — besides money — is an audience. It's a good excuse for spending several hours in the park, anyway!

May is also the month in which the neighborhood street fairs start in The City. The first is the Haight Street Fair on May 22. This is one of the most interesting of the fairs because it is a combination of time-capsule things from the '60s and the most avant garde going on of the '80s. Theatre Rhinoceros, in conjunction with a production of C.D. Arnold's new play *King of the Crystal Palace*, has a photo exhibit featuring photographs by Mark I. Chester of scenes from Arnold's earlier plays: *Bookstore*, *Delivery*, *The Blonde* in 20-B.

Not that there is nothing else happening; there is much more, but for the sake of highlights, there is one other item that cannot be skipped. It is the last concert in the official season of the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic. This orchestra of dedicated and, for the most part, professional women performers will present *An Evening of Dance, Innovation and Improvisation* at Zellerbach Hall (U.C. Berkeley campus) on May 13 at 8 p.m. The program features rarely heard orchestral works by women composers including two world premieres. The multi-media event is not for women only, by any means, and it shows the powerful contribution that women make and have always been making to serious music. For tickets and details, call (415) 652-7157.

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Gay Minority Groups Guide Published

"Colorful People and Places," a lesbian and gay men's guide to bars, magazines and other resources for minority groups has been published by the Quarterly Press.

The guide's author, Michael J. Smith, has included information on such groups as Black and White Men Together, Salsa Soul Sisters, The Association of Lesbian and Gay Asians and the National Coalition of Black Gays. A special section contains an extensive historical discussion of groups and bars of the past, according to the author.

The guide is available for \$10 (\$12 overseas) directly from the Quarterly Press, 279 Collingwood, San Francisco, Ca., 94114. ■

Writings Sought for Disabled Women's Anthology

Material for an anthology by and about disabled women is being solicited for a new book that will reflect the perspectives of women of different disabilities, ages, ethnic backgrounds and sexual orientation.

Articles that reflect personal experiences, theoretical perspectives and creative works are needed covering such issues as intimate relationships, dependence/independence, stigma/coming out, fear, identity and other areas.

The anthology will be edited by three disabled women and published by Cleis Press. For more information write: Debra J. Connors, 3535-23rd St., San Francisco, Ca., 94110, or call (415) 641-5951. ■



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Green Thumbin'

Growing Veggies In Tight Places

By David W. Black

Does your garden just simply consist of a small piece of ground covered with concrete? Do you have a 5' by 5' garden area and 50' by 50' appetite? Does your mouth water right now for a big juicy tomato, but the thought of another wild zucchini squash strangling your prized tomato plant to death wilt your enthusiasm? Relax. Plant breeders have now developed garden veggies that are bushy, compact, and space saving.

Realizing the changing habits and lifestyles of our populace over the past decade, plant breeders begun hybridizing programs in order to develop fruits and vegetables that, when mature, would fit in tight places such as pots, tubs, small beds, and window boxes. The past few years has brought forth some new and promising vegetables and fruits.

These compact plants are well adapted for the condo or apartment dweller who doesn't have the room other than in pots or containers. For the family on the go, these dwarf plants save time by requiring less space and thus, less maintenance. Whether in the ground, in pots, balcony window boxes, or hanging baskets, there is just no excuse to miss out on this year's varieties, as well as the tried and true varieties introduced the past few years: (*indicates

new varieties for 1983).

***Musketeer Cantaloupe** - A bush-type for limited space and may be grown in tubs. Round fruits are heavily netted and average 5½ to 6 inches in diameter. Harvest time is 90 days. The best bush melon to date.

***Bush Crop Cucumber** - Compact bushy plants with no runners. Plants produce fruits that are 6 to 8 inches long on short vines. Ideal for containers and small gardens. Harvest time is 60 days.

***Florida Basket Tomato** - Specially bred for hanging baskets. Produces lots of cherry-size fruits. Does not sprawl. Placing 3 plants to a 10" hanging basket is recommended. Harvest time is 70 days.

Florida Petite Tomato - An extremely dwarf bush tomato, growing 6 to 8 inches high. Harvest

in 50 days.

***Garden Baby Watermelon** - An early variety for northern gardeners. Produces 2 to 4 "icebox" size fruits. Compact vines make it ideal for limited space gardens. Dark-skinned with firm, sweet fine textured red flesh. Harvest in 75 days.

Honeybush Cantaloupe - Bush type plant 3½ to 4½ feet in diameter. Produces up to 8 melons per plant. Sweet, thick, orange flesh. Tolerant to Fusarium wilt. Bears over long periods. Harvest time 88 days.

Spacemaster Cucumber - A bush type. Tasty dark green cukes on short mosaic virus resistant vines. Needs only ¼ the space of usual slice-type cucumbers. Harvest in 60 days.

Bush Champion Cucumber - Large 9 to 11 inch slender cukes produced over an extended period of time. Requires ¼ the space of regular type cucumbers. Mosaic

resistant. Harvest in 60 days.

Patio Tomato - Compact, upright plant. Excellent for pots and small places. Medium sized red fruit.

Basket King Tomato - An early variety bred especially for hanging baskets. Plants cascade over the sides. Bears clusters of 1½ inch round red fruits. Harvest in 55 days.

Butternut Squash - Compact plants growing in ¼ the space of the vine type. Harvest time is 75 days.

Sugar Baby Watermelon - Small "icebox" size fruits to 8 inches in diameter. Orange-red flesh that is firm and sweet.

Sugar Bush Watermelon - Vines are only 3 to 3½ feet long. "Icebox" size fruit that weigh 6 to 8 pounds each. Harvest in 70 days.

(Most of these varieties, including the 1983 introductions, are available at your local nursery or garden center in seed packets or

as transplants.)

Weekend Checklist

May is not too late to start another planting of gladiolus. Late glads are more susceptible to thrips than early ones, so dust the corns with an insecticidal dust before planting. Spray once or twice after the tops are six or seven inches above the ground.

Wind will dry out the soil more quickly, so mulch around plants to reduce moisture loss from the ground. Organic matter, such as compost or fir bark, makes an excellent mulch. A 2 to 3 inch layer will reduce water loss and will also help to keep the weeds down.

Plant tuberous begonias in shady spots either in the ground, in pots, or hanging baskets.

Set lawn mower blades at 3-4 inches. A taller cut lawn will stretch the time between waterings in warmer weather. Watch for lawn moth damage. The sod webworm chews the grass blades at their base and severely weakens the lawn. Consult your local nurseryperson for an effective spray program.

To reduce water loss from wood or clay container grown plants when hot weather arrives, remove the plant and line the container with thin plastic. This will cut down on moisture losses through the insides of the container. Do not seal off the drainage hole in the bottom of the container.

Do your azaleas and camellias have yellowing foliage? Most often the problem is due to the lack of iron in the soil or the unavailability of iron to the plant in a non-acid soil. Try an acid plant food first. If that brings negligible results, then add iron.

Do not disturb your spring flowering bulbs (crocus, tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, etc.) until the foliage has turned yellow then brown. The bulbs need to manufacture food after blooming for next year's bloom. ■

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Off the Record

Record Reviews

Disco — The Music That Dare Not Speak Its Name — Making A Comeback

By Jim Fitzpatrick

Get this. January, 1983. Folk/rock singer and composer Neil Young releases an album called *Trans*. It's a largely synthesized work, complete with vocoder, and dominated by a repetitious beat — somewhere around 130 beats per minute on some cuts. Fall 1982. A previously unknown vocalist, Laura Branigan, has a number one smash called "Gloria." It's a great dance record in the grand tradition of disco diva Donna Summer. Her recently released follow-up LP *Branigan 2*, offers more of the same — disco music that could have come straight from Summer's "Heaven Knows" days. Spring 1983. New Order, an English band whose original incarnation, Joy Division, gained popularity in the late '70s with its "doom 'n' gloom" sound, releases a highly charged Patrick Cowleyish 12-inch single "Blue Monday" and "The Beach."

The examples go on and on. What's happening here? If you've been to any retail record store lately, you may have noticed an enormous abundance of 12-inch singles and EP's (or mini-albums) for the first time since disco's height in the Summer of 1979. 12-inch singles first became popular at the onset of disco and seemed to be a relic of the past by the time that dance phenomenon wore off. Not any more.

Call it disco, and no one listens to it. Call it dance music and it's cool. Dance music, in fact, is currently at its most popular level in four years. But what's the difference between the dance music of today and disco of 1979? Musically not much. The beat is the same — 130 plus beats per minute. (Tony Basil's smash dance hit "Mickey" clocked in at 152 BPM, but who's counting?).

Instead of disco, today's dance music usually falls into one of two categories: new wave or funk. "Mickey," ABC's "Look of Love" and "Poison Arrow," the Thompson Twins' "Lies" and Berlin's "Sex..." are generally lumped together as new wave dance music. Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean," the Gap Band's "Early in the Morning" and "You Dropped a Bomb on Me," and Angela Bofill's "Too Tough" are labeled funk. All too rarely, there's a cross-over; dance music that combines the soulful elements of

funk with the more aloof, electronic new wave; Yaz' "Situation" and any of Prince's many hits are among them.

No matter how dance music is categorized, it's none the less a direct descendant of disco. Disco. The music that dare not speak its name — a valid musical form chastised by a homophobic, racist movement that neither understood, nor analyzed the music and its origins. For disco music was (and still is to a lesser degree) as close to gays as soul is to Blacks. And it is perhaps the common binds of oppression that made disco popular not only among gays, where its heaviest origins lie, but also with racial minorities — Blacks, Latinos and Orientals.

And it was the controversy over disco that caused the stormy separation of Black and White music in the late '70s. To this day, Black is all but banned from AOR (album oriented rock) radio. Gone are the days when the Beatles and the Supremes coexisted in harmony on radio. Donna Summer, who has released rock songs over the past few years, including "The Wanderer," "Protection" and "Highway Runner" from the soundtrack of "Fast Times at Ridgemont High," can not get any AOR airplay. Only Michael Jackson has been able to break the AOR barrier, and then it took the assistance of Eddie Van Halen to accomplish it.

It is this racist, homophobic attitude which is likely to destroy AOR radio altogether. As dance music in all its phases — funk, new wave, disco — continues to form greater and greater musical waves, AOR will have to stop ignoring its popularity and recognize dance music as a valid genre in American pop music.



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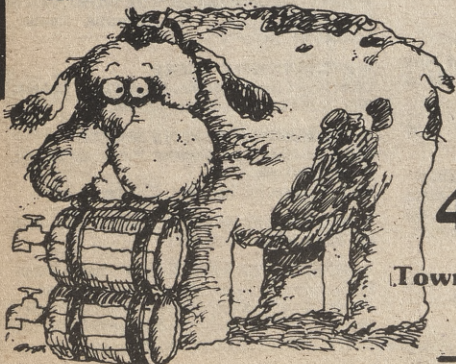
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All I Know

By Stan Hadden

Waiting For Summer...

Mockingbirds singing at night, the heavy scent of orange blossoms, and daylight savings time are three of my favorite things about Sacramento at this time of year. Summer is almost here, so where is the sunshine? I've had enough rainy weekends!

When sunny weekends arrive, "**K**" Street's **Fighting Irish** will be playing softball every Sunday afternoon. Games in Sacramento and in San Francisco are planned. Call 448-2000 for game times and locations. **The Wreck Room Stars** will be playing softball in Sacramento, Fresno and Modesto on summer Sundays. Check the schedule in the sports section.

Many words on AIDS... Eleven volunteers for the **DS/KS Foundation** recently spent 5 weekends training and role playing as they learned to deal with dying and grief. These volunteers will be assigned on a one-to-one basis with AIDS patients in Sacramento. Following the last training session, **Greg Gorges**, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the foundation held a reception for the trainees, board of directors and training facilitators. The diversity of people involved, and the closeness these people now share is unique. One trainee described the program as "emotional demolition derby." AIDS has changed lives for many people, and will continue to do so. Many people have learned that "friends are good medicine". It is OK to be gentle, men.

May 2-7 is **AIDS WEEK** in San Francisco. A group from Sacramento's AIDS/KS foundation have arranged a van pool to attend the **Candlelight March** which starts at Castro & Market at 7:30pm, May 2nd. The march will end up at the United Nations Building, where AIDS patients will address the crowd. The theme of the evening is "**Fighting For Our Lives**". The intent of the evening is to memorialize those who have died, show support for AIDS patients, and to express concern over the lack of federal funding.

May 3rd is **White House Comment Line Day**. Call the White House comment line to express your concern over AIDS funding by calling (202) 456-7639 or (202) 456-7649. Wouldn't it be nice if every call to those numbers on May 3rd were demanding action...

On **Mother's Day** people are encouraged to contact friends and relatives, and have them write or call U.S. representatives urging support for AIDS research.

One reason for lack of funding is because we are not mobilized enough to demand it. **Write your representatives!** Turn anger or fear into political action. Resolve to live well, and live long. Tell that to:

Senators Alan Cranston & Pete Wilson
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Margaret Heckler
Department of Health and Human Services
800 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dr. Sandy Pomerantz and **Dr. Harvey Thompson** host **Public Forum II** at the State Capitol, Room 4203 on May 7th at 10am. This should be an interesting and educational presentation on how AIDS is affecting the way we live...

MOM...GUESS WHAT! NEWSPAPER has been settling down in a new office at 1400 'S' Street, and will have an open house on May 19th from 6-8pm...

April was a busy month for the **Great Northwest Imperial Empire**, one of many social organizations in Sacramento. **G.N.I.E.** members held a \$1.98 Beauty Contest, birthday parties, a fundraising auction, a 'Weenie Eat Off' and their annual coronation ball. Queen Elizabeth in her drab outfits has probably never seen anything like the fur-clad, wig-wearing, cosmetic-covered crowd in tuxedos, gowns, feathers and sequins at **G.N.I.E.'s** splashy coronation. To be quite truthful, I'd never seen anything like it either! While the outfits stand out in my mind, most of the evening does not. **G.N.I.E.** nobles, members, guests and friends all seemed to have a wonderful time. Money raised at the auction and at the

coronation went to the **AIDS/KS Foundation**. Congratulations to the new Emperor and Empress, and Happy Birthday to the Duke of Dragonlaire...

Need a car? **Ernie Brown's Mother Jeffreys "Mother of the Year Award"** is May 8th, 1pm at **The Mercantile**. Aunt Rachael's 1972 Coupe deVille Cadillac will be a raffle prize...

Sacramento Political Action Caucus (SACPAC) has been quiet since November elections. At a recent SACPAC potluck future plans for this organization were discussed. Sacramento's upcoming election for Mayor will likely receive some attention from this group. Contact Charlie at 391-1362 if you are interested.

River City Democratic Club will hold a fundraiser at 6891 Camellia Avenue on Sunday, May 22nd. Candidates for mayor, club members, leadership from other clubs and interested persons can get to know one another better starting at 2pm...

Now is the time to make room reservations if you go to Reno for the **8th Annual National Reno Gay Rodeo**. Organizers of the 4-day event (August 4-7) anticipate 35,000 guests. Last year was my first rodeo, and I intend to make it an annual event. I never knew how much fun it was to be a man until rodeo last year...

The Woods in Russian River has remodeled again. The dance floor is larger and the entire downstairs of this unusually shaped bar is easier to negotiate. The new look at **The Woods** may be some competition to **Drums** when they open up later in the season...

A one woman show of zany characters and political satire with **Kate Kastin** will be at Valencia Rose in San Francisco May 6th and 14th. Humorist **Annie Gage** will be at Valencia Rose the 6th and 7th. Both Annie and Kate will be at the **National Festival of Women in Theatre** in Santa Cruz May 16-21...

Stockton is a busy place these days. The staff at **Paradise** are having a cocktail party to introduce the owners of Stockton's newest gay bar at 9pm on May 5th. **Paradise** is at 4206 N. West Lane (466-2277). **The Boot Strap** opens at 147 N. Aurora (462-9403) May 6th at 8pm. **Metropolitan Community Church** in Stockton will hold an art auction May 13th at the First Unitarian Church, 2737 Pacific Avenue. Beer busts to raise funds for a float for San Francisco's Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day parade are planned June 5th and 12th, and Stockton's own Gay/Lesbian Pride Celebration, Bar-B-Que and Rally take place June 22nd. Chris at 466-2277 has details.

Hey Mom! Pack a picnic basket! **Lesbians involved in parenting** are having a picnic potluck at McKinley Park at 11am on May 7th. Call 456-3245...

Lesbians and gays in California communities, sexuality and conflict in a Lesbian workplace and preliminary findings of a nationwide survey of Lesbians over 65 are some topics that will be covered at a **Conference on Homosexuality and the Social Sciences** on May 6th & 7th at CSUS. Dr. Lorraine Heidecker at 454-6452 can provide details...

The fourth annual **Summer Fantasy Dance for Women** is approaching. The dance will be at Fruitridge Community Center, 4000 Fruitridge Road, 8pm-12:30am. **Women Over 35** sponsors this event, which is for women over 21 only...

Indecent acts by women in the WACS provide the material for **Frontline**, a play by **Pam Schaffer** which will be performed June 3, 4, 10 & 11. Contact Pam at 448-5316 for details...

Feminist comedian **Annie Gage** from Seattle is seeking contacts in this area for her stand up and character comedy act. Contact her manager, Krishna Fells (206-282-0578)...

The Aviator's Wife, part of a new series entitled "Comedies and Proverbs" opens for a limited premiere at **The Showcase Theatre** on May 4th. Contact Garry Watt at 446-4449 or 448-6363 for information.

BETTE MIDLER is coming back to **Concord Pavilion** by popular demand. She is booked for the weekend of August 20th...

Mother's Day is May 8th. Send flowers, take her to dinner, or call her if she lives out of town. Do something special for her on her special day!

Miscellaneous

• **ADVOCATES FOR GAY & LESBIAN STATE EMPLOYEES**
P.O. Box 161756, Sacto 95816
State employee group meets 2nd Tuesday at Incredible Edible, 6:30pm. 955-6851 or 443-3767.

• **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**
NORTH HALL GROUP meets Wednesday & Friday, 8pm.
WOMEN ONLY meet Wednesday, 6pm at MCC, 2741-34th St.
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• **ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES SUPPORT ORGANIZATION**
Box 2124, Marysville, CA 95901
916-749-8390.

• **CAPITOL CITY SQUARES**
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• **GAYS TOGETHER**—Discussion group led by trained lesbian & gay facilitators meets Saturdays, 7:30-9:30pm. Meet others and learn about yourself. 443-6101.

• **G.N.I.E.** Box 16731, Sacto 95861
Social organization meets 1st Tuesday at The Incredible Edible, 7pm. 739-8616.

• **NAPA GAY COLLECTIVE**—24 hour hotline, 707-224-3836.

• **OUR COMMUNITY UNITED**—Gay Community Center
P.O. Box 161784, Sacto 95816. 444-9939.

• **OUR RIVER CITY FAMILY**—P.O. Box 162995, Sacto 95816
Social group for men & women. Potluck first Saturday, 7pm. Council meeting 2nd Monday, 8pm. Volleyball each Thursday. Paul, 447-1065.

• **PARENTS & FRIENDS OF GAYS**—5941 Wymore Way, Sacto 95822. Meetings at 5645 Marconi Ave., Carmichael, First Tuesday at 7pm. Merrill Follansbee, 428-4348.

• **RIVER CITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**—Box 160696, Sacto 95816
Gay business owners group meets 2nd Monday, 7:30pm social; 8:30pm meeting at The Incredible Edible. Norv Giles, 1-752-2110.

• **SACRAMENTO HEPATITIS 'B' PROJECT**—453-8995.

• **SACRAMENTO LESBIAN/GAY FREEDOM WEEK COMMITTEE**—Box 2454, Sacto 95811.
Planning committee for annual celebration meets 3rd Thursday, 7:30pm. Jerry, 381-3115.

• **SACRAMENTO LESBIAN/GAY MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**—Meet 4th Sunday, 6:30pm. 447-2282 or 956-5116.

• **SACRAMENTO GAY SPEAKERS BUREAU**—Box 161934, Sacto 95816. To schedule speakers or join Bureau, write or call Linda, 452-0721. New members welcome.

• **SACRAMENTO PEACE CENTER**—1917A-16th Street, Sacto. Provides draft and military counseling for gay, non-gay, men and women. 446-0787.

• **STANISLAUS GAY ALLIANCE**—Box 5163, Modesto 95352. Support group has weekly meetings.

• **VALLEY KNIGHTS MOTORCYCLE CLUB, INC.**—Box 5163, Sacto 95816.

Media

• **MOM...GUESS WHAT! NEWSPAPER**
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• **SAN FRANCISCO BEAT** All the latest gay news, 415-552-1312.

• **FRUIT PUNCH** Gay radio program, every Wednesday, 10pm, KPFA, 94.1MHz. **THE GAY LIFE**, every Saturday, 6am, KSAN, 94.9MHz.

Political/Legal

• **CAMPAIGN FOR ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY (CED)**, Sacto Chapter—Grassroots political activist group focusing on political campaigns and community issues, 312-20th St., Sacto 95814. Keith, 961-6291.

• **DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS OF AMERICA (DSA)**—P.O. Box 162394, Sacto 95816. Socialist organization dedicated to building a society for the service of human beings.

• **HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**—2131 Capitol Ave., Suite 302, Sacto 95816. 4th Wednesday, 7pm, City Hall. 444-8908.

• **LA SEMILLA CULTURAL CENTER**—312-20th St., Sacto 95814. A leftist community political/cultural center.

• **RIVER CITY DEMOCRATIC CLUB**—Box 161958, Sacto 95816. Gay/lesbian democratic club, 456-2420.

• **SACRAMENTO POLITICAL ACTION CAUCUS (SACPAC)**—Non-partisan organization. Charlie, 391-1362.

Religion

• **CONGREGATION SHA'AR ZAHAV**—Box 5640, San Francisco 94101.

• **DIGNITY**—Lesbian & Gay Catholics. Box 161765, Sacto 95816.
MASS & MEETING, 2nd Sunday at 3pm, St. Francis Chapel, 26th & 'K', Sacto.
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• **METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH**—2741-34th St., P.O. Box 20125, Sacto 95820.
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• **ORION FELLOWSHIP ALLIANCE**—Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual Seventh-day Adventist friends. Potluck & fellowship, 1st Saturday each month. Box 181, Sacto 95801. 427-2497.

• **S.D.A. KINSHIP SACRAMENTO**—Lesbian and gay Seventh-Day Adventists and friends. Potluck and fellowship, 2nd Sunday each month. Box 8222, Sacto, 95816. 455-8940.

• **THE WOMEN'S CHURCH**—Meets every Sunday, 6pm for worship service. For information and location call Rev. Jean Hart, 736-0113.

Student

These student groups usually get together when classes are in session.

• **DAVIS LESBIAN & GAY TASK FORCE/UCD LESBIAN & GAY STUDENTS UNION**—443 Russell Blvd., Davis 95616. Office hours, 12-3:30pm, Monday through Friday. 753-2090.

• **Coming Out Group**—Wednesday, 8pm. 135 Everson.

• **Lesbian Sharing Group**—Thursday, 7pm, UCD Women's Center.

• **Potluck Open To All**—Every other Friday, 7:30pm. Call 753-2090 for location.

• **LESBIAN & GAY PEOPLE'S UNION, CSUS**—6000 'J' St., Sacto 95819.

• **WOMEN ONLY SUPPORT GROUP**—Renee, 456-5932 or Chris, 457-1372.

• **COUPLING & SEXUALITY RAP GROUP**—Wednesday, 7:30pm, Riberia Room, Food Services Bldg.

• **McGEORGE LAMBDA LAW STUDENTS ASSN.**—451-0120 or 457-3507.

• **SCC LESBIAN & GAY STUDENT UNION**—Sacramento City College, 3835 Freeport Blvd., Sacto 95822. Weekly Rap Group, Wednesday at Noon, Room R5-271. Mark Baker, 441-2026.

• **YUBA COLLEGE GAY PEOPLE'S UNION**—Yuba College, Marysville. Meetings every Wednesday, 12 Noon, Room 121A. 916-873-5377.

Women

• **AMAZONS MOTORCYCLE CLUB FOR WOMEN**—451-1730.

• **BAY AREA CAREER WOMEN**—Business & professional women's organization. 519 Castro Street, San Francisco 94114. 415-431-5934.

• **CAMPING WOMEN**—Sacramento Chapter, 7378 Nelmark St., Sacto 95822. 391-2388.

• **CSUS WOMEN'S CENTER**—6000 'J' Street, Sacto 95819. 454-6517.

• **LESBIAN MOTHERS GROUP**—458-3245.

• **NATL. ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN**—3rd Wednesday, 7pm at La Semilla Center, 312-20th St. (near 'C'). 442-3470.

• **SACRAMENTO WOMEN'S CENTER**—Lioness Books, Rape Crisis Center, 1511-21st St., Sacto 95816. 442-4657.

• **SACRAMENTO WOMEN'S SPORTS LEAGUE**—Box 5117 Folsom Blvd., Suite 100, Sacto 95820. 451-4133.
MAY 3—General meeting. Call for location.

• **WOMANKIND HEALTH CLINIC**—1001-40th St., Sacto 95819. 452-KIND.

• **WOMEN OVER 35**—Box 161194, Sacto 95816. Potluck 3rd Saturday, 7pm. Dean, 371-3496.
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1984 Revisited

By Max Moon

Gloom and doom is not my cup of tea but as an astrologer privy to some semblance of foresight, I'd like to sound an alarm. Gone are the days of taking comfort in collective apathy brought forth by Pluto's transit through Libra in the 70's. The year's end marks the entrance of Pluto into the Sign Scorpio and the rug of comfort may be well be pulled out from under each and every one of us. Now is the time to stand up, take notice and get involved.

I once read that George Orwell's chillingly prophetic novel, 1984, was based upon some degree of astrological knowledge. If this is true, it is seemingly apparent that his astrological concentration focused upon the effects of Pluto's entrance and transit into its home sign, Scorpio. Pluto transits Scorpio from 1984-2000.

The energy of Pluto can be compared to the atomic bomb, which it so aptly rules. Both unleash an overwhelming amount of energy in comparison to their actual size. The effects are far reaching and transformative. Due to its considerably concentrated power, Pluto's urge can only be used on a positive plane to avoid an otherwise ultimate backlash.

Mankind is approaching its most challenging and crucial period of time with the Pluto/Scorpio transit. Our very survival on Earth is balanced on how we handle our affairs and navigate through treacherous water as a collective whole until the end of this century. Violence and terrorism are already common day occurrences and on the increase. Fanatic movements such as the Ku Klux Klan, Neo Nazi movement, and the Moral Majority are on the upswing. Free press is more and more being challenged. Chemical wastes are penetrating our environment at an alarming rate causing epidemic cancer causing diseases. Politically oriented and self righteous national passions are on the rise. Nuclear energy and armaments severely questioned at present, will continue to be major issues of confrontation. Masses are starving from deprivation and biological warfare is becoming more prevalent. All of these Plutonian influenced matters and more will continue to increase and peak in intensity during the next 16 years.

Present technological knowledge combined with increased government secrecy could easily transform George Orwell's visionary television monitors of 1984 into actual aides tightly controlling the masses. An extreme idea? Certainly a plausible option if such a direction were chosen.

Our dire predicament demands the development of a collective consciousness to transform the present direction into an elevated course. Global cooperation must become a reality and intelligence must gain control of technology and governments if we are to survive. Pluto in Scorpio will allow no room for human folly.

Given its lower expression, it will continue to expand its sense of corruption, coercion, dictatorial and destructive influences in mass orientation. Expressed in its higher level, it will stimulate urges that are cooperative, raise the level of collective consciousness, and create transformative constructiveness with Scorpio resourcefulness.

Become aware of developments in confrontation between church and state, increasing mass demonstrations world wide against nuclear directions, rebellion and revolution against tyranny and oppression by the peoples. All are Pluto inspired and will be greatly influenced by the Scorpio sting.

We've come too far to ultimately destroy all that has been developed for the benefit of mankind. We're on the threshold of a brilliant new Age and it would be the single largest universal crime if we couldn't achieve the final transformative hurdle. But we do have a choice by understanding the higher and lower forms of Pluto in Scorpio. The choice is yours. ■

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California." Seventeen members are appointed by the Governor, the Speaker of the Assembly and the President Pro Tem of the Senate. Commissioners serve staggered four-year terms. Novick is the fourth Executive Director, and her staff numbers ten.

Economic Issues Top Priority

Because of the injunction, the current Commission and its staff focuses primarily on gathering information on a number of women's issues; networking with other women's groups; and holding public hearings and preparing reports. According to Novick, economic issues were the Commission's dominant concerns in 1982, and will continue to be in 1983.

"The feminization of poverty" is a term used to tie together a number of key economic issues that affect women," says Novick, "and in my opinion it is those bottom-line issues that are the toughest hurdles to full equality. Lack of jobs and training for women; cuts in AFDC, health and social security benefits; the

continued need for comparable pay for comparable work—these are just a few of the problems that have gotten worse for women as the economy has declined."

In the past, the Commission might have lobbied for specific legislation that would address these problems; today it activities are restricted to fact-finding and reporting.

"If a legislator wants information about comparable worth, we will provide facts on both sides of the matter," Novick states. But sometimes the Commission finds facts to be clearly in support of one side.

Life Under "DUKE"

The commission's agenda will reflect its own membership as well as the priorities of the incumbent administration. Governor Deukmejian will appoint four members to the Commission this summer, and meetings have already been held with his representatives to determine his areas of concern.

"This administration is particularly supportive of law

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remembers. "But by then I had learned too much. I wasn't willing to accept a token settlement."

Instead, Lebrato and her attorney concocted an alternative to the "back pay — attorney's fee — old job" solution.

"We wanted the State Personnel Board to require my old department to fund a project to research sexual harassment in state government," she explains. "I appeared before the Commission on the Status of Women and got their support." It took another two years for permission to be granted. In December, 1982, Lebrato moved into the Commission's offices on 9th and J Streets to begin her two-year tenure.

Lebrato's budget is modest, but she manages it with a fierce watchdog-like passion. She will develop a procedure manual and a simple flow-chart explaining the complaint procedure; research and recommend changes in the complaint process to the State Personnel Board; and compile information on the problems in both state government and other areas of employment.

I'm averaging 5-6 phone calls per week from women who have been harassed," she states. She believes that local organizations must be created to support women who decide to follow through with a complaint. "Right now, it is a terribly discouraging and drawn-out process. Attorneys don't like to take the cases, and victims can lose their jobs, their incomes and their morale. It's easy to say 'More women should complain,' but the process can be devastating."

Lebrato has worked with several state employee groups on the problem, among them Advocates for Lesbian and Gay State Employees.

"Lesbians and other minority women tend to bear the torch in these cases," she explains. "Lots of the early cases involved lesbians, black women and other women. Harassment often goes hand-in-hand with other kinds of discrimination."

After the two-year project is over, Lebrato will be able to return to her old department. She is currently in law school, and is uncertain how she will combine her old and new career interests.

But one thing is certain. There is no going back to the days of apolitical naivete.

Thanks to a sexist supervisor, Mary Lebrato has become an activist. ■

enforcement issues," says Novick. "The Governor has indicated he will support bailing out the Victims Indemnity Fund with money from the Police Officers Training Fund." Although drunk driving fines are supposed to find their way into the Indemnity Fund which is used to support Rape Crisis Centers, the pot has not been as full as expected. Extra money must be found if the centers are to stay open.

"We've also talked to the Governor's staff about the need for child support legislation, corporate child care, and the growing incidence of child abuse. These are all issues he seems open to."

Lesbian Rights: An Issue Still In The Closet

The rights of lesbians are not a high priority with the Commission this year. Novick attributes this to the climate of the current administration, as well as to the lack of open lesbian leadership within the Commission.

"I remember back in 1977, in Houston, when the Gay Caucus N.O.W. lobbied successfully for the Gay Rights Plank. The plank was adopted because there was strong, visible lesbian leadership which worked closely with Conference organizers and representatives of the Carter administration. And the timing was right: it was around the same time that a lot of the local gay rights ordinances were up for vote, and the issue had been boiling within the feminist movement for years.

"Things are a bit different here in California now," she says ruefully. "If a legislator asks the Commission for information on A.B.1, for example, we can make it available. But we can't lobby. And although lesbian rights is a basic feminist, civil rights matter, it is

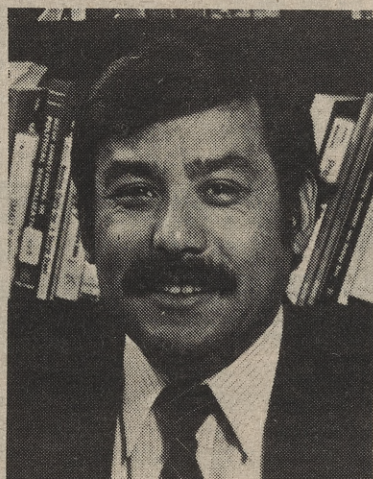
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give endorsements, the routine things of a campaign."

Rudin says she has a number of gay volunteers already working on the campaign and that she expects many more to join her camp due in large part to her track record on gay issues.

JOE SERNA

Joe Serna says he wants to be mayor because he thinks he can lead the city. Because of the structural political weakness of the mayor's job, Serna says "it's pretty much the personality of the mayor, his know-how, the mayor's willingness to in fact lead. I think I can do that." Serna dismisses critics who question his bid after only a year and a half service on the council. "My involvement in local politics is extensive," Serna says. "I've been an activist in the city for fifteen years. I was the first hispanic to serve on the council in 1969. That is before any of the members of the current council were ever on the council."



Joe Serna

Serna also intends to seek gay support for his campaign. He believes his record on civil rights and involvement in the human rights movement is unassailable. He cites his work with the farmworkers, the early student movement, and other activities as evidence of his commitment to "progressive" social issues.

The budget is "the number one, most important issue this year," says Serna. Although he is unwilling at this point to make a commitment to support a property tax increase, Serna admits that increases in fees and budget cuts alone are not likely to be sufficient to make up the 16 million dollar deficit that is projected for next year's budget.

On other issues, Serna has staked out a strong pro-tree position, backing funding for reforestation in the downtown area, and ordinances to protect older trees. Serna is encouraged by developments in Lavender Heights, (I think it's fine, it's healthy for the city), but he is worried about gentrification. He calls gentrification "social dynamite" because indigenous people who have spent their lives in the inner city are being run out. Gentrification, he says is just a cute term for developers with an interest in historical preservation, coming into downtown to make a

taking a back seat to the bread-and-butter issues of economics."

A Hopeful Future

Novick expects the injunction to be eventually overturned. "This lawsuit is intriguing to all state groups dealing with basic civil liberties. If it stands, it could seriously constrain the activities of every department in the state."

She is philosophical about the Commission's situation. "We were clearly being singled out for restriction with the suit," she states. "But it really can't stop the changes going on. Everywhere I go in this state—no matter how small the town—women are asking the same questions, trying to form solutions to the same problems. The feeling of hope is strong. We need to do more grass roots organizing to keep it alive."

Her vision of the future is ambitious. "I'd like to see us become an androgynous society—but we have so few models of what that would be like. We're at the cutting edge of those changes right now. We're going beyond lifestyle and civil liberty issues to matters that challenge the very structure of society." ■

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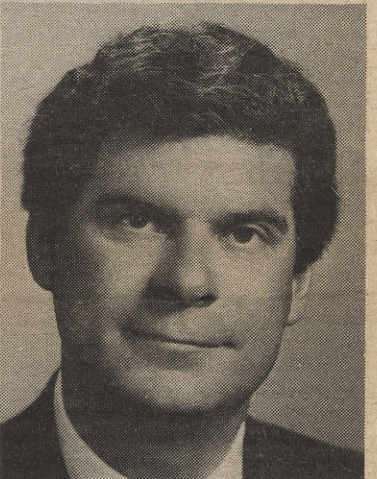
Serna says he would make a better mayor because he wants to be mayor more than the other candidates. "I think it is very important for a minority type candidate to be running a campaign for mayor that is not just going to run the good campaign and lose. I intend to work very, very hard because I love this city, and because I want to put something back into this city."

Like Rudin, Serna believes gay voters can have an important role to play in the outcome of the race. Fundraising, walking, other forms of volunteer work all add up to political clout. "The people working in the campaign now are the real gladiators of the political process, and they're the ones that most of us will remember."

ROSS RELLES

Ross Relles' entry into the mayoral campaign caught most city hall observers by surprise. Relles has never sought or held public office, although he has had extensive involvement in local civic and business activities. Relles hopes to use the influential post of mayor as a bully pulpit of sorts to speak out on issues that reflect his strong pro-business perspective. "I am very concerned and very involved with Sacramento," he says. "My family has been here for 65 years. I love Sacramento. I believe it can be made into an ideal city, an example for others to follow."

Despite the looming budget shortfall, Relles was unwilling to specify whether he would prefer further cuts in services, revenue enhancements or a combination of both. Relles expressed the hope that his strong effort to boost development in the city would



Ross W. Relles

result in a strong stable revenue base over the long run. The creation of a vibrant business climate, and attending to the needs of prospective developers would be a top Relles priority.

On gay related issues, Relles professed a general ignorance on most matters. He was unfamiliar with AB 1 and indicated he would not be willing to address the concept of employment discrimination against gays until he had a chance to read the bill. He said he would seek support from "everybody" including gays, although he did not spell out any specific steps he might take to meet with gay organizations. He says he has "heard of" Lavender Heights but could not express an opinion on the emergence of a gay neighborhood downtown. Relles expressed the hope that gay voters would view him as an honest individual who was concerned for the rights of all people. ■

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